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RP backtracks on Iraq

Diwalwal: Gold boom going bust

By Ayan C. Mellejor
PDI Mindanao Bureau

MONKAYO, Compostela Valley—Guns, goons, gold. Mt. Diwata in Southern Mindanao, more popularly known as Diwalwal, has all these.

It is now a melting pot of people from Cebu, Bohol, Iloilo and as far as the Ilocos who have come here for the gold. And where there's gold, can the goons and their guns be far behind?

Diwalwal teems with stories of the success and failure of the poor who came here to get rich, and of the rich who wanted more.

The gold rush boomed in the mid-1980s, and the population in Diwalwal ballooned to about 100,000.

At his peak in the mining town, Sergio Deloso, an *abantero* (or one who explores ahead of the others) of the Australia tunnel at the Nang District, was making P1,000 or more daily.

"My life really improved because of the mountain. I was able to save and send my children to school," he said.

But Diwalwal started to lose its luster in the mid-1990s.

The government moved in, issuing directives aimed at stopping mining operations without permits. Violence also took its toll in the form of killings as well as landslides that buried many miners alive.

DIWALWAL/A6

Bases vote: A milestone remembered

By Tony Bergonia

THEY were called Magnificent 12, as courageous and defiant as the band of fighters in cinema lore who protected a village. But these 12 were real-life heroes, and they fought to uphold the country's sovereignty.

They made history on Sept. 11, 1991 by overcoming tremendous pressure and voting to reject a treaty presented before the Senate that would have kept United States military bases in the Philippines until 2001.

"It was a difficult time for me," said Joseph Estrada, one of the 12 senators, who himself went on to continue making history by being the first Philippine president to be detained on charges of plunder. In a telephone interview, he added, "I even made a movie so that the masses would understand what the issue was all about."

The movie, "Sa Mga Kuko ng Agila," in which Estrada himself starred with then aspiring senator Nikki Coseteng, was far from being a blockbuster. But it became for Estrada a major contribution to efforts to win the masses over to the anti-bases cause.

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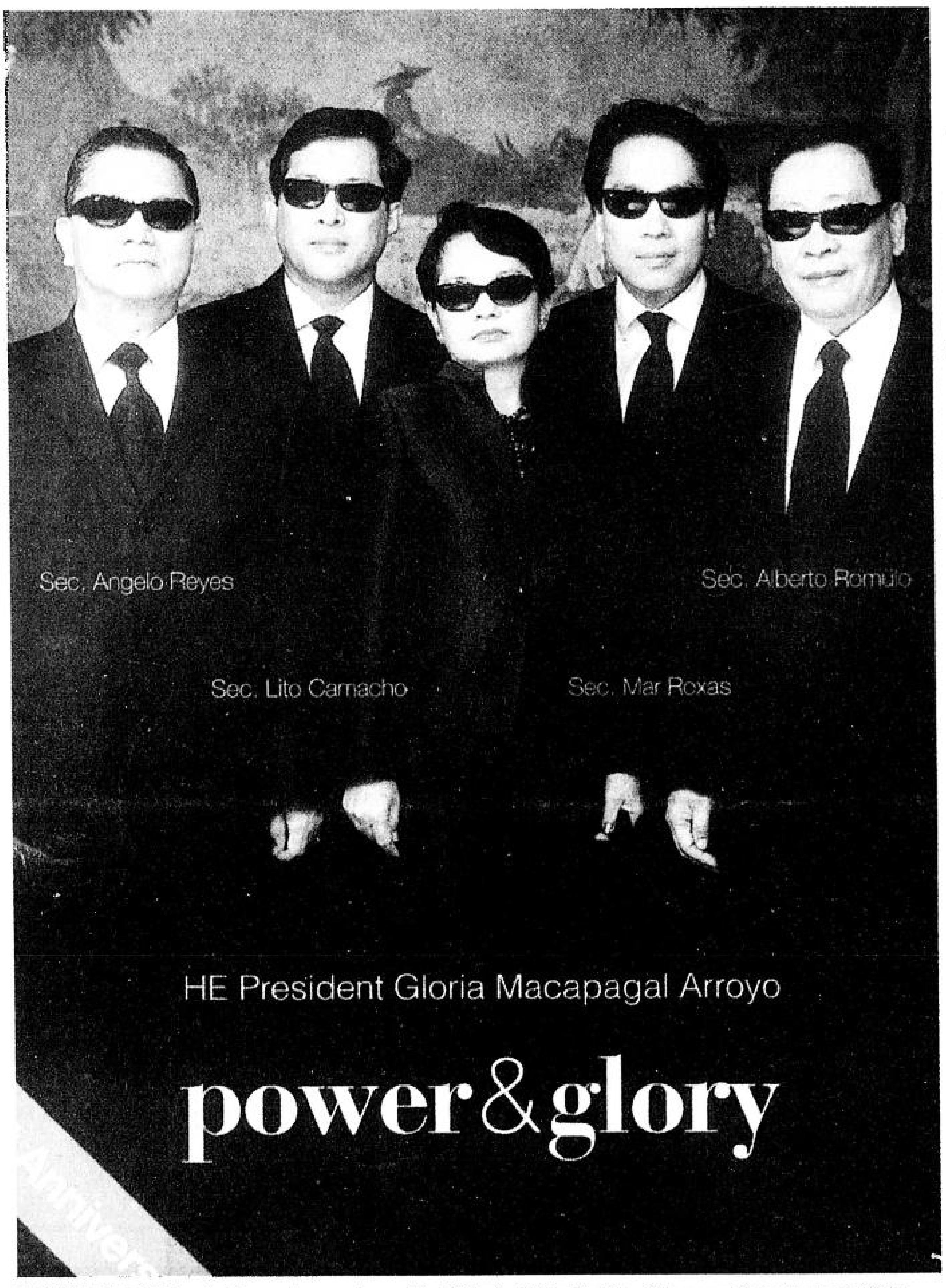

POWER DRESSING for the first anniversary issue of the Philippine Tatler, President Macapagal-Arroyo poses with the "symbols" of power in her Cabinet, Secretaries Angelo Reyes, Jose Isidro Camacho, Mar Roxas and Alberto Romulo.

PALACE MEN IN BLACK

Gloria's photo ops get trendier

By Juliet L. Javellana

THE PRESIDENTIAL photo opportunity has became trendier and bolder.

The Philippine Tatler lifestyle magazine's first anniversary issue has a sensational cover of President Macapagal-Arroyo and four male Cabinet officials posing ala "Men in Black," complete with the trademark black Ray-Ban sunglasses.

The President's "power team" was composed of Secretaries Angelo Reyes (defense), Jose Isidro Camacho (finance), Mar Roxas (trade) and Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo. The four officials were chosen by the magazine editors because "we thought they were the most powerful and most recognizable" members of the Cabinet, said editor in chief Anton San Diego.

San Diego said he saw nothing wrong or demeaning in asking the President to pose that way. In fact, he said, it showed an endearing quality of Ms Macapagal.

"It shows that the President is very accessible to the public and she's game. She's doing a very good job and she's human," he said.

San Diego said public reaction to the 200-page glossy magazine, or rather its cover photo, was positive.

How did he know?

"Sales were very good," he quipped.

But the reaction was not so positive as far as one foreign diplomat was concerned. The diplomat reportedly shook his head upon seeing the President's uncharacteristic pose in the magazine's advertisement in the INQUIRER last Friday.

PHOTO OPS/A17

Air space offer to US withdrawn

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE ADMINISTRATION of President Macapagal-Arroyo has backtracked and withdrawn its offer to the United States to use Philippine air space for its planned attack on Iraq.

Malacañang said in a policy statement released yesterday by Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye that it would consider allowing American war planes into Philippine air space "for humanitarian purposes," but only if the United Nations Security Council would support the US action.

It also said that it saw "no clear basis" for military action against Iraq under existing UN Security Council resolutions, and that the Philippines' concern at the moment was the safety of the 1.2 million Filipinos in the Middle East.

The administration had been drawing heavy criticism since it offered last week to the United States the use of Philippine air space and refueling facilities even without a formal request.

The President and Foreign Secretary Blas Ople had said the offer was part of the Philippines' commitment to the call of the UN Security Council for a global anti-terrorism war following the attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

But yesterday, Malacañang noted that "even the United States is seeking a new resolution on which to base its action." It was a reference to US President George W. Bush's speech before the UN Thursday urging the world body to fix a deadline in "days and weeks" for action against the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, which he accuses of developing weapons of mass destruction.

"If such resolution is passed, it is not automatic that every country should join in an attack on Iraq," Malacañang said, adding that it would study the resolution's contents "in the context of our primordial interest of protecting Filipinos in the Middle East."

"At most the Philippines might allow the use of its territory and air space, but only for humanitarian purposes," it went on. "If no such resolution is passed, it is clear that the Philippines cannot even

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America's richest lose billions, but...

NEW YORK—The rich are getting less rich in America.

For the second straight year but only the fourth time in 20 years of rankings, the combined net worth of Forbes magazine's 400 wealthiest Americans declined this year, reflecting the economy's continuing troubles.

Their total net worth of $872 billion was down from $946 billion in 2001 and $1.2 trillion in 2000.

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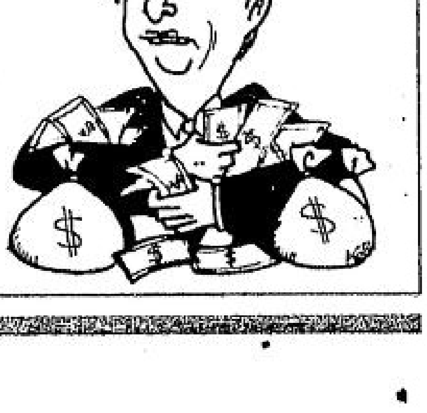
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This Sept. 11 story has a happy ending

By Jennie L. Ilustre
PDI Washington correspondent

WASHINGTON—Ana Marie Lopez was one of those whose life was drastically changed by last year's terror attack on the Pentagon. Except her story has a happy ending.

A month after terrorists crashed an American Airlines plane on the Pentagon, Ana answered an ad for a part-time custom framer to work on some damaged military memorabilia.

The Frame Shop of the Ft. Myer Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities in Arlington, Virginia, had received a contract from the Pentagon to frame two dozen items damaged by the attack.

Using her specialized skills, Ana framed three limited edition Civil War prints (signed and numbered by the artists), four military certificates, two recognition coins issued by the Ft. Myer garrison commander and a poster of a huge American flag draped at the northern wing of the damaged building.

"I really had to be extremely careful with the memorabilia," Ana said.

While re-framing the items, she also worked on other job orders on medals, coins with certificates, ribbons and patches and epulets. The most popular piece was the patriotic poster showing the huge American flag draped atop the crash site a week after the tragedy.

Satisfied customers kept pouring in. Soon, Ana's part-time position became a full-time job.

When her boss decided not to continue her contract, officials at Ft. Myer's MWR facilities asked Ana if she would like to take over the shop. Last May, Ana became the contract manager of Frame Shop, which she has renamed Hope Gallery, a future venue for exhibits by local artists.

Ana also hired two part-time workers to handle the shop's average job orders of 120 a month. The gallery is open to active and retired military personnel and their families and to all government employees.

The smallest Pentagon memorabilia were certificates the size of a legal bond

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Bicol Region and Visayas.

SOURCE: PAGASA

COMPILED BY: ARMIN ADINA, PDI RESEARCH/09/15/02

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Widespread Rains
Baguio	Cloudy with Rains	Roxas	Widespread Rains
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	Cebu	Cloudy with Rains
Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Tacloban	Widespread Rains
Clark Zone	Cloudy with Rains	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Widespread Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Second FRONTPAGE

Fil-Am boy freed; 4 teachers seized

By TJ Burgonio
and Grace Canta-Albasin
PDI, Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Kidnappers released a 15-year-old Filipino-American student here yesterday, a day after gunmen seized four women teachers from the Mindanao State University in Marawi City and snatched a son and a daughter of Negros Occidental Rep. Jules Ledesma in Manila.

Starlz Lumapas was freed on his 16th birthday yesterday after his family reportedly paid P1.5 million in ransom.

Police director Felicisimo Khu said Lumapas was left unharmed but blindfolded on a roadside in Barangay Kanituan outside this city early yesterday morning.

"When the kidnappers left him, the victim removed the blindfold and walked until he reached an area where he was able to flag down a taxi. He went straight to his house in Villa Candida," Khu said.

The teener was snatched by six men last Tuesday as he and his uncle were about to drive to his classes at the International School here.

Lumapas, whose parents are immigrants in the United States, has been under the care of an uncle, Sandy Sungcal, in Cagayan de Oro City.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents from the US Embassy in Manila flew to Cagayan de Oro to monitor the case.

Khu said the still unidentified kidnap group apparently succeeded in striking a deal with Lumapas' relatives in Molave, Zamboanga del Sur.

The kidnappers originally wanted P15 million but eventually settled for less.

Khu said the police have launched a manhunt against the suspects, who are believed to be still hiding out in the city. Police believe the boy was brought to a hiding place just outside the city and not to the jungle.

Though largely unhurt, Lumapas was left traumatized by his four-day ordeal, said Khu. "He's smiling now, but there's still that look of trauma in his face," he said.

The boy was also famished as he apparently did not like the food that the kidnappers served him which consisted of rice and vegetables, according to Khu.

The victim also "had no good recollection of what happened, who his kidnappers were, and where he was brought by his kidnappers" as he had been blindfolded throughout.

National police chief Hermogenes Ebdane said the Pentagon gang, which is on the US list of international terrorist organizations, was behind Lumapas' kidnapping.

He said the kidnappers were believed to have been led by a brother of the gang's leader, Faisal Marohombsar, who was killed in a gun battle with police in Cavite province last month.

The Pentagon gang is also believed to be involved in the abduction of the schoolteachers in Marawi City last Friday, just hours after gunmen seized the two Ledesma children from the family van on a busy street in San Juan, Metro Manila.

The four Marawi kidnap victims—Luzvillar Castillon, 53; Editha Buntilao, 50; Emma Karaan, 43 and Salvacion Miken, 55—were all teachers at the MSU's Integrated Laboratory School.

They were all riding a jeepney on their way home to Iligan City when they were seized at gunpoint by four armed men, according to the Marawi police.

A witness said the gunmen seemed to know that the four were teachers. They ordered all the passengers of the jeepney to get off, took the teachers to a getaway vehicle and sped towards Barangay Tuca on Lake Lanao where a speedboat was waiting. The group then sailed across the lake to Lumbayanague town, according to an AP report.

"We are using traditional means in locating the teachers. We can't also be certain what group took them or what their motives are but this is a group that preys on commuters," said Yusoph Latip, the MSU vice president for academic affairs. *With reports from Christine Godinez-Ortega and Charlie C. Senase, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and AP*

Napocor assures coal-power plants safe

THE National Power Corp. has given an assurance that all its coal-fired plants conform and adhere strictly to international and local environmental standards in the wake of a mounting clamor for the closure of such power plants because of their supposed threat to the environment.

In a press statement yesterday, Napocor officer in-charge Roland Quilala maintained that all its coal-fired plants had undergone "million-dollar upgrading and improvement" and were equipped with environmental monitoring systems to assure the safe quality of their air and water emissions.

He accused those campaigning against coal-fired plants as representing vested interests which stand to gain from the closure of the power plants.

As this developed, opposition Sen. Gregorio Honasan yesterday asked the government to implement the Clean Air Act and order the immediate closure of the Napocor's coal-fired plants because of the harm that he said they posed to public health and the environment.

He said these plants did not comply with the Clean Air Act. He also claimed that their closure would not affect electricity supply in Luzon as there was an oversupply.

The Napocor operates or owns the following coal-fired plants—the Calaca plant in Batangas, the Masinloc plant in Zambales and the independent power producers-supplier power plants in Pagbilao in Quezon, Sual in Pangasinan and Toledo in Cebu.

Quilala cited in particular the improvements made on the old Calaca I power plant which has become the focus of the anti-coal fuel campaign. He said the Calaca plant's environmental control system was extensively upgraded from 1994 to 2000 under a $60 million loan from Japan's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF).

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Sept. 17-20	Fiberglass Products Manufacturing
Sept. 19-20	Acupressure Therapy (Scientific Body Massage)
Sept. 20	Paper Recycling
Sept. 21-22	Herbal Bath Soap (*in cooperation with ITDI/DOST*)
Sept. 21-22	Jewelry Appraisal and Pawnshop Operation
Sept. 21-22	Aromatic and Decorative Candle Making (*in cooperation with ITDI/DOST*)
Sept. 21-23	How to Start and Manage a Pre-school (*with field trip*)
Sept. 23-24	Creative Photography (Basic)
Sept. 23-24	Traditional Thai Massage
Sept. 24-26	Curtains and Cushions (on site)
Sept. 24-27	Electroplating
Sept. 25-26	Setting up a Hardware and Construction Supply Store
Sept. 25-26	Meat Shop Management and Meat Cutting (*with field trip*)
Sept. 25-27	Fresh Flower Arrangement and Flower Shop Operation and Management (*with field trip*)
Sept. 25-27	Management of Service Contracting Business
Sept. 27	Franchising a Business
Sept. 28-29	Aromatic and Decorative Candle Making (*in cooperation with ITDI/DOST*)
Sept. 28-29	Catering Business Operation
Sept. 28-29	Dollar Trading/Foreign Currency Exchange
Sept. 28-30	Event Planning, Marketing and Management

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Sept. 16-18	Layer Production (Table Egg) (*with field trip*)
Sept. 18-19	Breeding and Culture of Freshwater Aquarium Fishes (*with field trip*)
Sept. 20	Quail Raising
Sept. 22-23	Mud Crab (Alimango) Juvenile Rearing, Fattening and Grow-out Culture (*with field trip*)
Sept. 23-24	Goat and Sheep Raising (*with field trip*)
Sept. 23-25	Animal Feed Formulation and Production (*with field trip*)
Sept. 27-28	Intensive Culture of Tilapia in Tanks (*with field trip*)

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Sept. 16-17	Fruit Juices and Purees
Sept. 16-19	Commercial Breadmaking and Bakery Management
Sept. 19-20	Basic Meat Processing
Sept. 20-23	Home Bakeshop
Sept. 21-23	How to be a Canteen Concessionaire (*with field trip*)
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Deficit stalling growth—German bank

THE PHILIPPINE economic recovery may be delayed because the government has trouble dealing with the ballooning budget deficit, Deutsche Bank said in a report obtained on Saturday.

The bank's Asia-Pacific equity research office also warned that the government might not have the political will to control the deficit with the approach of national elections in 2004.

"The consequences of a higher deficit on sentiment, the peso and interest rates could push out the anticipated cyclical economic recovery by a few quarters and dampen the near-term outlook for stocks," Germany's largest bank said.

It cited the announcement in August that the budget deficit in the first seven months of the year had hit P133 billion, already exceeding the government's full-year P130-billion ceiling.

It also cited the resignation of tax chief Rene Bañez in August after entrenched interests in the Bureau of Internal Revenue allegedly blocked his reforms in revenue collections.

The higher-than-expected deficit up to July was "the start of a recurring shortfall in government revenues and a continuing buildup of debt," Deutsche Bank said.

The deficit was a "reflection of weak tax revenues rather than fiscal irresponsibility" on the part of President Macapagal-Arroyo's government, the bank said.

But weak revenues were a "cyclical and structural phenomenon," which would not be easily remedied, the bank said.

It also warned that with 2004 being an election year, both congressmen and Ms Macapagal would likely call for greater expenditures to get elected back into office.

The bank noted the increase in the projected deficit in 2003 to P142 billion, up from the original projection of P90 billion. *AFP*

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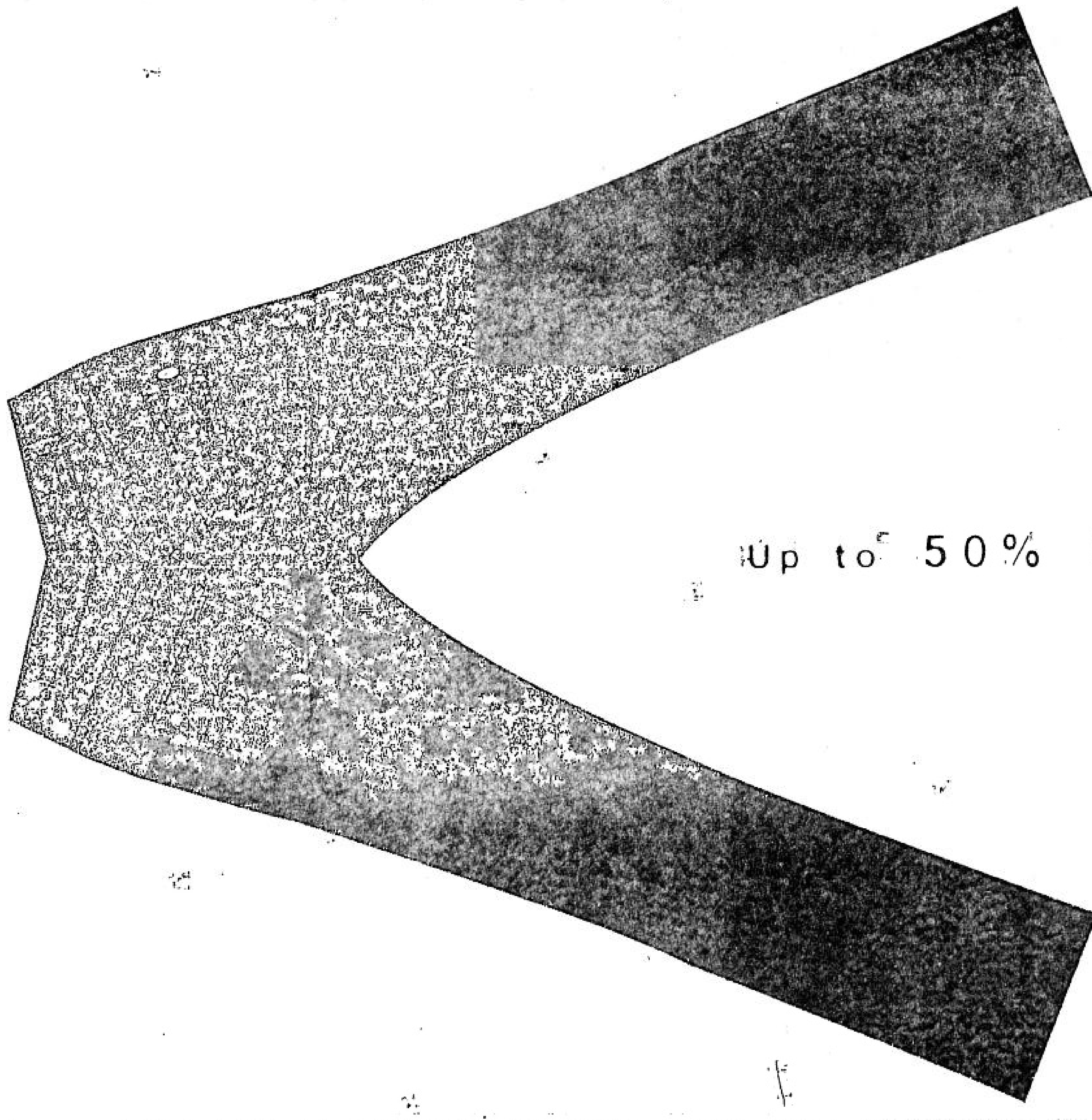
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Thousands of gov't workers face layoffs

By Volt Contreras

UNLESS staved off through street protests, the fate of thousands of government workers facing the ax in the name of a tamed national budget deficit would be sealed this Christmas season, according to a militant labor group.

Ferdinand Gaite, national president of the state workers' union Courage, yesterday said Congress was set to slash appropriations previously earmarked for 14 government agencies now eyed for abolition or privatization.

The cuts will be made by lawmakers during their scrutiny of the 2003 budget which will be in full swing around the end of the year, the Courage leader revealed during the weekly Cypress media forum.

Gaite said he was just quoting what Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr., House appropriations committee chair, mentioned during a recent dialogue over the fate of the National Printing Office, one of the 14 offices about to be abolished.

While the proposed 2003 budget submitted to Congress by the Department of Budget and Management "had no clear time frame" for the abolition, Gaite said Andaya was clear about the time of its execution.

In view of this, Courage has set Sept. 26 as a national day of protest in the government labor sector, with an expected 10,000 workers nationwide either walking out of their offices or filing leaves of absence en masse, to join street marches.

Gaite noted that next year's P804-billion national budget has ruled out pay increases in the government sector, but reserves P325 billion for debt payment, P42.5-billion for military expenditures and P44.5-billion for the Philippine National Police.

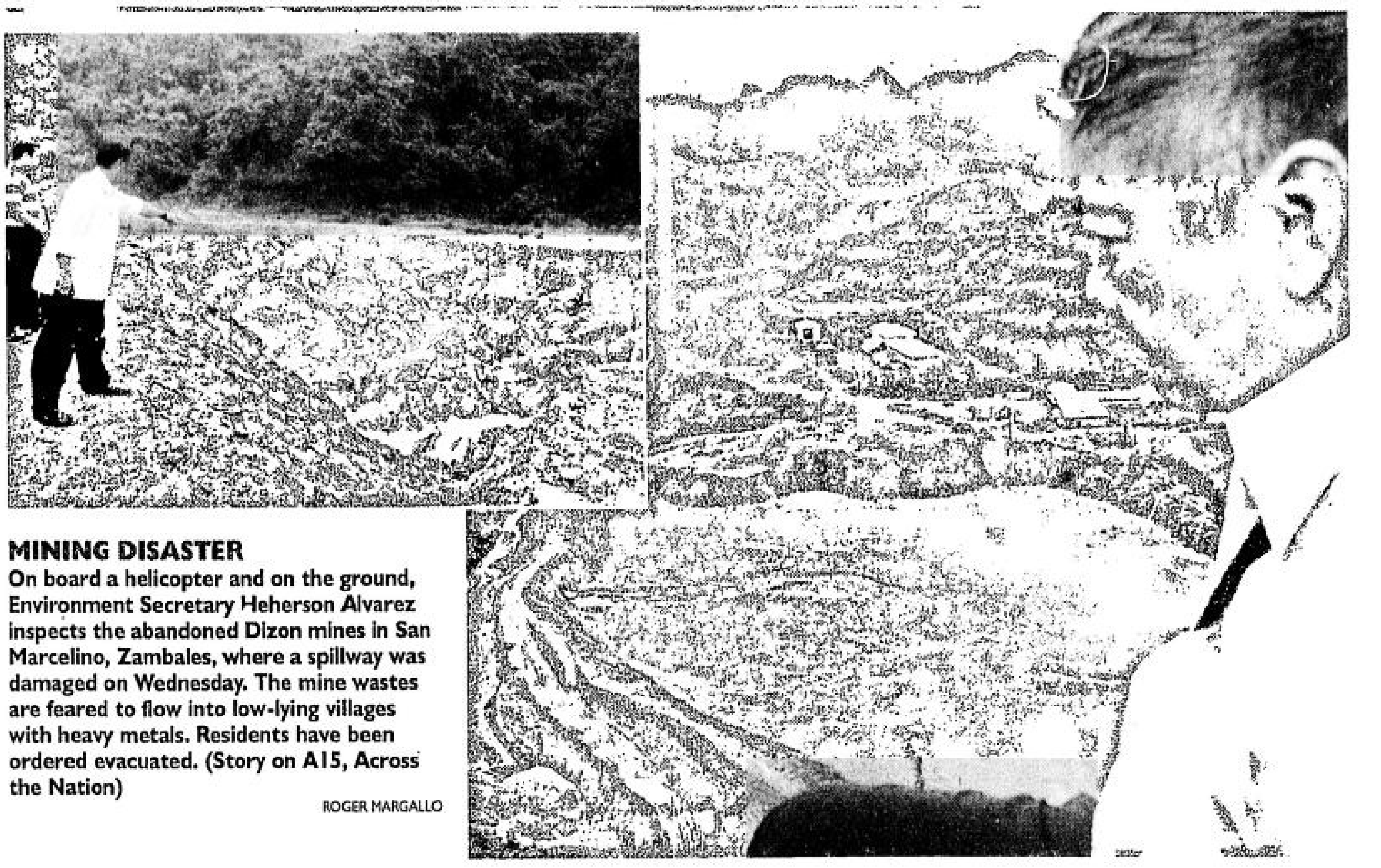
Courage listed the 14 agencies set for abolition as follows:

Agricultural Credit Policy Council, with 61 employees; Cotton Development Administration, 154; National Telecommunications Office, 5,400; Office of Transport Cooperatives, 42;

Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency, 33; National Book Development Board, 48; National Printing Office, 615; International Coffee Organization Certifying Agency, 8;

Bonded Export Marketing Board; Construction Manpower Development Foundation 44; Garments and Textile Board, 190;

Commission on Filipino Overseas Workers; Commission on Settlement of Land Disputes, 100 plus; and the Department of Public Works and Highways' Bureau of Maintenance with 300 employees, and Bureau of Equipment, 300.



MINING DISASTER
On board a helicopter and on the ground, Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez inspects the abandoned Dizon mines in San Marcelino, Zambales, where a spillway was damaged on Wednesday. The mine wastes are feared to flow into low-lying villages with heavy metals. Residents have been ordered evacuated. (Story on A15, Across the Nation)

ROGER MARGALLO

Piatco hits back at Climaco and her 'strategic cohorts'

THE BELEAGUERED Philippine International Air Terminals Co. yesterday lashed out at the presidential adviser on strategic projects, accusing Gloria Tan-Climaco and "her strategic cohorts" of allegedly orchestrating a black propaganda campaign against it.

Piatco vice president and spokesperson Moises Tolentino Jr. said in a statement that the "continuing intimidation and pressure" being allegedly exerted by the Climaco group was turning the Senate inquiry into Piatco's controversial Naia Terminal 3 project into a *zarzuela*.

Tolentino said Climaco's statements were "defamatory and libelous," and accused her of misleading the Senate investigators with "false and undocumented information."

Climaco, who was tasked by Malacañang to conduct a review of the controversial project, found the contract with lopsided terms and recommended that the government consider a proposal from Piatco's German partners to take over the project.

Besides being the target of black propaganda, Piatco officials were being "harassed" and "oppressed," said Tolentino.

He maintained that Piatco had been following the provisions of its concession agreement for the Terminal 3 project. *Michael Lim Ubac*

4 DPWH execs lose new posts in just 2 hours

By Armand N. Nocum

FOUR public works officials got new posts on Sept. 10, but lost them in just two hours as a result of what Secretary Simeon Datumanong described as "lack of communication" between him and Malacañang.

But other officials at the Department of Public Works and Highways have ascribed it to "meddling" by Sen. Ramon Revilla, former Ilocos Sur Gov. Chavit Singson and Pampanga Gov. Lito Lapid.

In the afternoon of Sept. 10, Datumanong issued department orders assigning Regional Directors Rafael Yabut to DPWH-NCR, Alfredo Tolentino to Region IV-B and Josefino Rigor to Region III; and installing Assistant Regional Director Ramon P. Aquino as acting head of the DPWH office in Region I.

Palawan solon decries rush to free Sino poachers

By Juliet L. Javellana

WHILE a new batch of 38 Chinese poachers were recently caught fishing illegally in Palawan, the government was in a hurry to release an earlier group of 122 as a "gift" to Li Peng, China's second highest official who leaves today after a four-day visit.

This was the lament of Palawan Rep. Abraham Kahlil Mitra, who has opposed the government's plan to release the 122 arrested near the Scarborough Shoal last February.

"(The arrest had sent) a very strong signal to other countries that we would not tolerate poaching," Mitra told the INQUIRER by phone. Releasing them now would send a contrary signal."

His contention was shared by Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes, who said "arbitrary release" would "give poachers and illegal fishers from other countries the impression that we are not serious in enforcing our laws."

Reyes called for a concerted action to thwart the alleged plan.

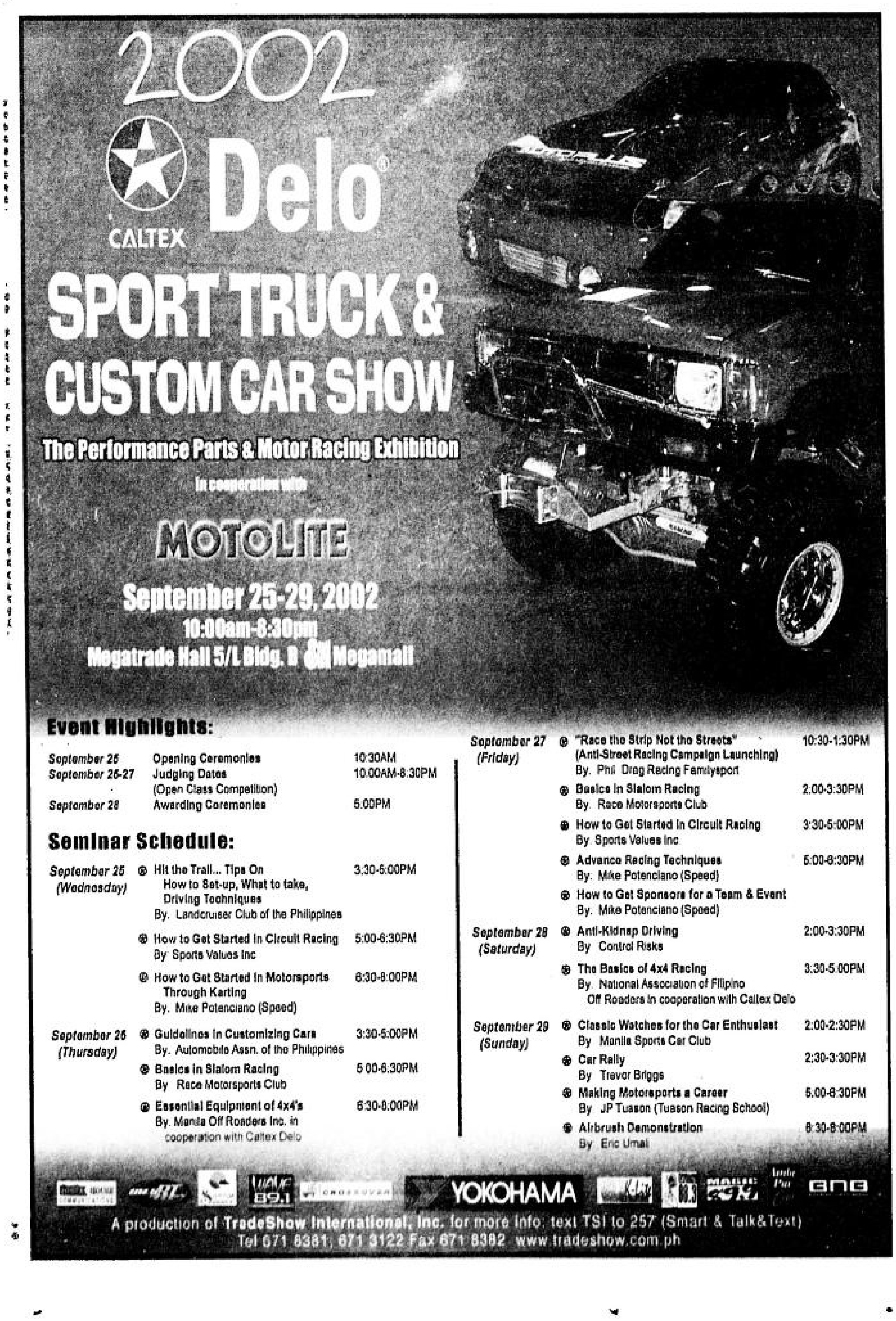
Immediately before the Chinese premier's meeting with the President last night, Malacañang said Ms Macapagal would merely assure Li of a speedy trial for the 122 fishermen.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the Chinese Embassy meant to have the arrested fishermen plead guilty, to reduce the penalty. This did not mean they would be released, he stressed.

Bunye said the talks between Li and the President would focus on trade and investment, and tourism.

Mitra alleged that Chinese poachers came and went because Philippine officials always succumbed to pressure from China.

He pointed out that the 122 Chinese nationals were being charged only with poaching, which carries a penalty of only 30 days imprisonment, $50,000 fine and confiscation of vessels. The other charges—gathering of endangered species, punishable by 12 to 20 years imprisonment; use of noxious substance, one to six years; and illegal fishing in municipal waters—have been dismissed. *With Dona Pazzibugan*



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September 26 (Thursday)
- Guidelines in Customizing Cars By. Automobile Assn. of the Philippines 3:30-5:00PM
- Basics in Slalom Racing By Race Motorsports Club 5:00-6:30PM
- Essential Equipment of 4x4's By. Manila Off Roaders Inc. in cooperation with Caltex Delo 6:30-8:00PM

September 27 (Friday)
- "Race the Strip Not the Streets" (Anti-Street Racing Campaign Launching) By. Phil Drag Racing Familysport 10:30-1:30PM
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- Anti-Kidnap Driving By Control Risks 2:00-3:30PM
- The Basics of 4x4 Racing By. National Association of Filipino Off Roaders in cooperation with Caltex Delo 3:30-5:00PM

September 29 (Sunday)
- Classic Watches for the Car Enthusiast By Manila Sports Car Club 2:00-2:30PM
- Car Rally By Trevor Briggs 2:30-3:30PM
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5 percent of Philippine courts have no judges

By Michael Lim Ubac

FORTY-FIVE percent of Philippine courts have no judges.

A high tribunal official yesterday warned that this had "serious implications" on the administration of justice.

Justice Presbitero J. Velasco Jr., Supreme Court Administrator, said in an interview that the high rate of vacancies in the judiciary was due to the low pay and unattractive compensation package offered by the government.

For the public, he said, the situation translated to "justice denied," since it definitely resulted in "justice delayed."

Velasco urged Congress to address the problem before it blew out of proportion.

"We should take action before litigants take the law into their own hands (because there are no judges to resolve grievances)," he said.

The SC official's appeal came in the heels of Justice Secretary Hernando Perez's announcement about the increasing rate of vacancies for the position of prosecutor, or fiscal.

Department of Justice department statistics show that as of Aug. 22, only 1,577 out of 2,026 positions for prosecutor have been filled, leaving 449 vacancies, or 22 percent.

This was ironic, Velasco said, since more than 1,000 graduates from 75 law schools across the country pass the bar every year. Clearly, he stressed, few of them want to join government service.

Velasco called on Congress to pass a law exempting judges and other members of the judiciary from the government's Salary Standardization Law. He said competitive packages and benefits would surely entice law practitioners and new law graduates into the judiciary.

Most of the vacancies in "judgeship," Velasco disclosed, were in the municipal trial courts (MTC) and municipal circuit trial courts (MCTC), first stops in the dispensation of justice.

Affected courts have had to "borrow" judges from other towns or cities within the same province. The SC official said this merely led to more backlog.

He said better wages would also address perceived corruption in the courts, although he pointed out that despite their "very, very low" salaries, most judges and court employees managed to lead "decent, simple and principled" lives.

The lack of judges and prosecutors forced the Justice department last month to deputize police chiefs to prosecute criminal cases cognizable by the MTCs and the MCTCs.

But due to strong opposition from lawyers and solons, the justice secretary agreed to suspend implementation of his Memorandum Circular No. 40 issued on Aug. 20.

In the memorandum, Perez directed regional, provincial and city prosecutors to "authorize PNP station commanders or their representatives, especially in far-flung provinces" to act as fiscals, "in line with the government's commitment to speed up administration of justice."

Perez explained that the order was based on the Rules of Criminal Procedures, which state that in "municipal trial courts when the prosecutor . . . is not available, any peace officer, or public official charged with the enforcement of the law violated, may prosecute the case."

10-man PNP mission leaves for US

By TJ Burgonio

SOME guys have all the luck.

Five police officials named to key positions in a major reshuffle last week were part of a 10-man group sent by the Philippine National Police for a two-week anti-terrorism training in the United States.

Led by Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, newly designated deputy chief for operation, the delegation left on Friday for Washington, D.C. for the Anti-Terrorism Executive Forum sponsored by the US State Department.

The other new appointees in the group are director for personnel and records management Jose Lalisan; and Chief Superintendents Robert Delfin, director for intelligence; Romulo Sales, director for Region 2; and George Alino, director for the maritime group.

Aglipay and the four others were among 37 officials designated to key positions in the PNP by the National Police Commission last Wednesday. It was the first major reorganization under Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr.

Other delegates to the Washington forum are Chief Superintendents Jose Gutierrez, director for the Southern Police District; Simeon Dizon, director for Region 9; Oscar Calderon, director for Region 3; Antonio Billones, deputy director for finance; and Isnaji Bantala.

638,875 Filipinos left to work abroad in 1st 8 months

AT LEAST 638,875 Filipinos left the country to work overseas in the first eight months of 2002, a government statement said Saturday.

This means an average of 2,618 Filipinos a day were documented as going abroad to seek work from January to August, the statement said, quoting Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas.

These figures only cover workers who were documented by the government and do not count those who went abroad to work illegally.

Thousands of workers leave the country posing as tourists.

There are about five million Filipinos working abroad and the money they send back to their relatives at home is a major source of foreign exchange for the cash-strapped country. Filipinos working overseas remitted $6.23 billion through official channels to the Philippines last year.

Civic leaders have warned that the prolonged absence of so many Filipinos from their families and their country will eventually harm the social fabric of the Philippines. *AFP*

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Today, the Volkswagen Beetle's allure is carried over into the new age with the introduction in the early 90s of the New Beetle, with a sleeker, smoother, more dynamic look both inside and outside its egg-shaped body. Its carapace design exudes an appeal so much more than what its predecessor could handle: more advanced features and greater attitude.

Definitely the passion for both the classic and the New Beetle has affected even celebrities who consider it an honor to be shown with these beloved cars. Among the Classic's movie appearances was in "The Mexican" with Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt. The New Beetle, meanwhile, can be recalled attracting teen singer Mandy Moore's graceful moves in the "Candy" music video that launched her career.

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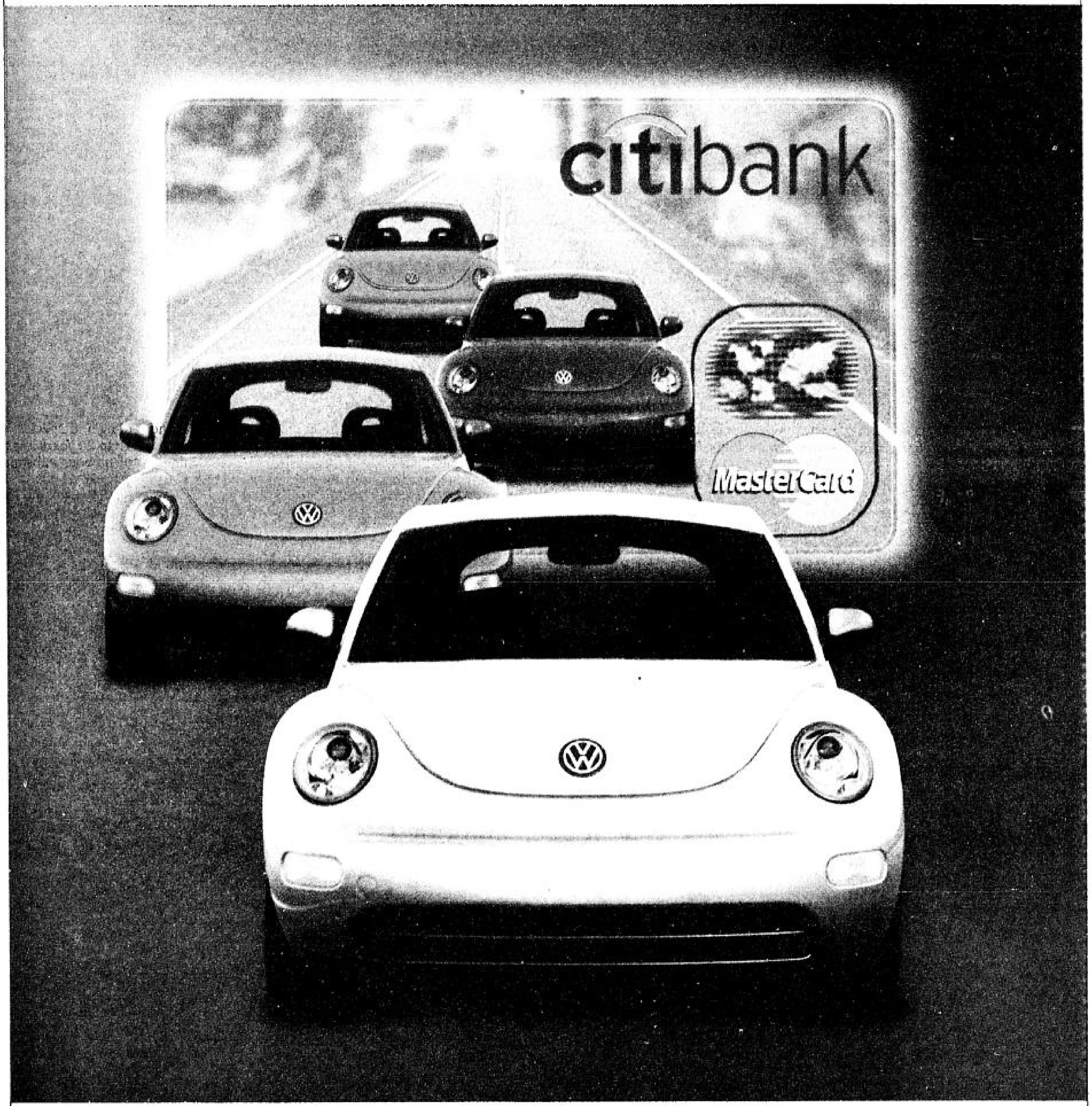

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Diwalwal: Gold boom going bust

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"From 1996 to the present, Diwalwal has become a Calvary," said Councilor Boy Gerbolingo. The population has dropped from 100,000 to about 40,000, including haulers, businessmen and drivers.

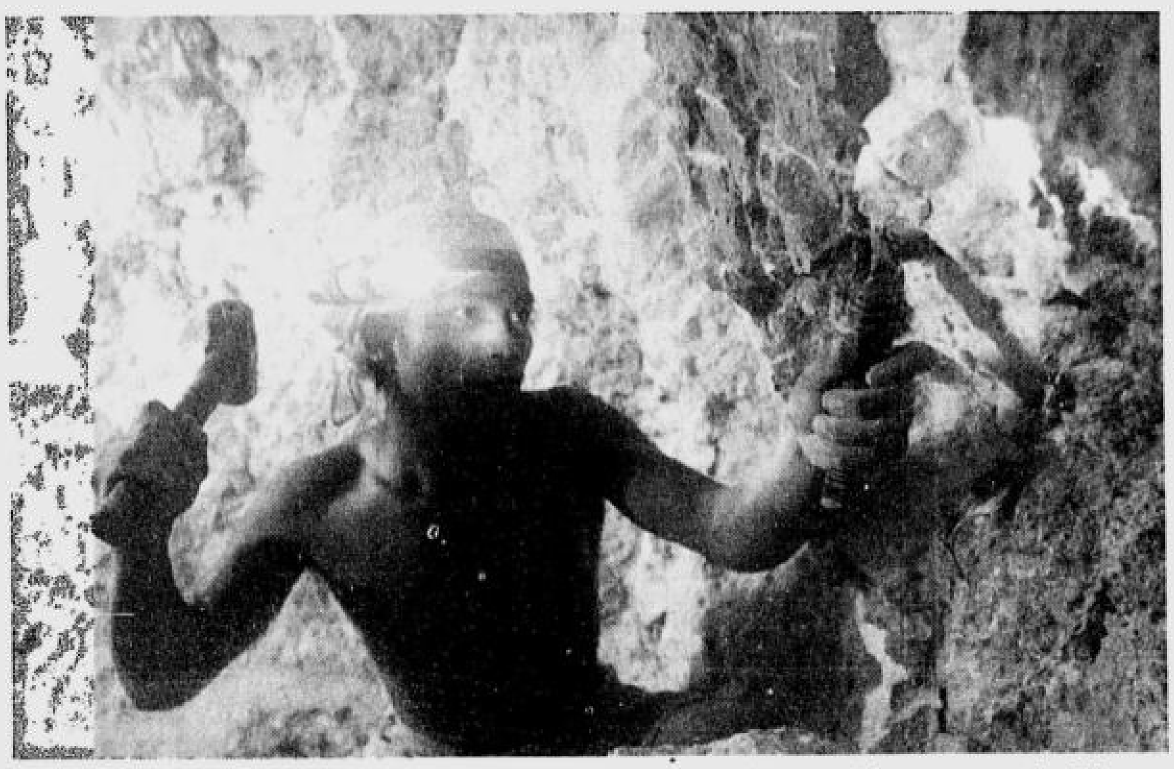
In 1998, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources stopped the transport of gold ore.

Production became so diminished that a miner could produce only two sacks of ore in 24 hours—a far cry from the days when high-grade ore could be found in three or four hours.

Hundreds of people returned to their provinces with little savings. But others were undeterred, and still others kept coming.

Deloso was among those who chose to stay although his income was cut by more than half. In 1997 he was earning only P400 a day, but these days he is lucky to make P100 or P200.

With three children still in school, "there's trouble already," he said.



ABANTERO Jonathan Largo pounds off the bedrock for gold ore inside one of the many tunnels of Mt. Diwalwal in Compostela Valley.

EDWIN BACASMAS

20 years

Now in his 50s, Deloso has been working as an *abantero* for 20 years.

He was a member of the Philippine Marines in his youth, with a monthly salary of only P1,000. When the lure of Diwalwal mining swept the military, he was one of those who heeded the siren call.

He left for Mindanao in Jan. 15, 1982, without asking permission from his superiors, and was discharged from the service three months later.

But through Diwalwal gold, three of his children are now a dentist, a physical therapist and a computer engineer. He still supports three other children: one set to graduate from a computer engineering course and two in high school.

Deloso, a native of Bohol, has weathered the loneliness of being away from his wife and children. "I just send them money," he said. "Sometimes I go home when I hit big. Now I go home every two or three months."

Now president of the 300-member Mt. Diwata Abantero Cooperative, he is grateful that the government has issued service contracts to small miners.

As in Deloso's case, gold improved Fortunato Libarisos' lot.

Libarisos, 47, was a farmer in Bayugan, Agusan del Sur, when he decided to stay permanently in Diwalwal in 1996.

Before he made the decision to work as an *abantero* at Bulbscor, he was traveling to the gold-rush area twice a week and making P1,000 daily from selling vegetables and chicken.

Libarisos said that with a 40-percent share from production, he was able to buy a 2-hectare land in Bayugan that he planted to bananas and gmelinas. He was also able to send four children to school.

All that glitters

But in the mining town, all that glitters is not necessarily gold.

"Many tried but many failed in Diwalwal," said Rey Chiong Uy, a former mayor of Tagum City and owner of the Blucor group that finances mining operations.

Jovencio Cadungog, who owns an eatery in the area, used to make P700 or P800 daily. Now, his daily income has dropped to about P200.

"Most of the people are gone," said the former butcher of Tagum City.

Lyn Bostrano, who worked as a store helper when she first came to Diwalwal, now owns a retail store.

But she also complained of decreasing income from the store—from a daily P2,000-P3,000 to P200. Her husband used to earn P4,000-P5,000 a month, she said.

"People here eat only once a day to save on rice," said Carlos Bontas, 37.

Bontas has been a motorcycle driver since the time when the access road to Diwalwal was still in Trento, Agusan del Sur.

He used to hit P1,500 a day for four trips. But with the stiff competition posed by front-drive vans, his earnings now amount to only P600.

According to a primer on Mt. Diwata prepared by Bayan Muna, there are about 744 stores, gold processing plants, rodmill/ballmill houses, goldsmiths and gold buying stations in the area.

The DENR has an estimated mineral reserve of 3.3 million tons, with a gold grade of from 10 to 20 grams per ton.

The major mine groups are the JB Mining Corp. (JBMC), Blucor and Helica Mining, whose operations have been stopped by the government.

The major operating tunnels are in the Buenas Tinago, Balite Nang, Busay and Depot sites.

Mayor Joel Brillantes, whose family owns the JBMC, is a former military intelligence officer.

JBMC vice president Reynaldo Espanola said the mayor visited Diwalwal and saw an opportunity to put up a motormill.

"In 1983, money was easy ... so he bought a tunnel," Espanola said in Filipino.

He said that from a paid-up capital of P500, the JBMC grew and was able to borrow money from the bank to buy machinery. It hired 400 workers and 3,000 *abanteros* paid through production sharing.

To date, the JBMC maintains 100 workers. "The others went back to their provinces when the plant was closed," Espanola said.

Blucor, however, has grown tremendously with a reported 12,000 workers. The 30-ton gold ore plant set up at P3-4 million grew to become a 60-tonner within two years.

Its owners, the Uy family, were originally gold buyers in Tagum who went on to explore Diwalwal.

Blucor's original workers have become managers, and some now own tunnels. Even the company cook was able to put up a business.

92 deaths

Records provided by barangay chair Franco Tito show that from 1983 to this year, 92 have died of mining-related causes in Diwalwal.

The DENR said enmity among miner groups had generally resulted in violence.

Last Aug. 12, Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, citing peace and order problems and damage to the environment, ordered a stop to the mining operations.

It was not the first time such an order was handed down.

In 1998, a presidential memorandum was issued directing a stop to all illegal operations in Diwalwal. It was lifted two years later.

Since then, however, people have complained of difficulty in earning their keep.

But when asked why he did not go back to his farm in Bayugan, Libarisos said he would wait it out until they were allowed to enter the tunnels again.

He still had some savings, anyway, he said.

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Even the benchmark for being ranked dropped.

The 2002 survey included individuals with a minimum net worth of $550 million—down from the required $600 million in 2001.

The top 10 remained the same, with some reshuffling of the order.

The biggest loser on the list, released Friday, was also the richest person: Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates.

Gates lost $11 billion, for a net worth of $43 billion. He now has lost $20 billion—mostly because of the drop in value of his Microsoft stock—since the tech meltdown began in 2000.

The biggest winner was investor Warren Buffett, who remained No. 2 on the list. His net worth increased to $36 billion from $33.2 billion.

Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen also maintained his ranking—third—but saw his net worth fall to $21 billion from $28.2 billion.

Five relatives—of the late Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart Stores, retained five of the top 10 spots. Their net worth increased to $18.8 billion each from $17.5 billion in 2001, thanks to strong consumer spending.

Oracle chief executive Larry Ellison, who fell from second in 2000 to fourth in 2001, dropped to ninth this year. He is now worth $15.2 billion, down from $21.9 billion last year.

Rounding out the top 10, Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer suffered a $3.2-billion loss, for a net worth of $11.9 billion.

Casualties

Neither AOL Time Warner's Steven Case nor Sun Microsystems' Scott McNealy made the cut this year, casualties of the Internet implosion.

Martha Stewart was also among 35 people bumped, largely because her company's stock drastically declined in value following her legal troubles.

Forty-six women made the list, including the three granddaughters of oilman J. Paul Getty. They each inherited $400 million in 1986.

The youngest among the 400 was 30-year-old Daniel Ziff, who shares a $1.2-billion inheritance with his two brothers, ages 34 and 38. His father, William Ziff Jr., built and sold a publishing empire that included PC Magazine, Boating and Car & Driver magazines.

The oldest person on the survey is 94-year-old Max Fisher, who made his fortune in oil and steel. His net worth was put at $750 million.

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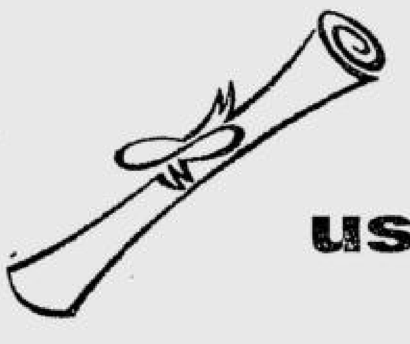

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May this expansion of Family First help increase the awareness and consciousness of Filipinos about the importance of saving for the future. For only in so doing can we achieve greater security and financial independence for the majority of our population.

As both companies near their 5th Anniversary this coming November, may they flourish even more to become industry strongholds, providing new energy and vibrant competition to the pre-need sector.

Mabuhay ang Berkley at Family First!

Lilia R. Bautista

LILIA R. BAUTISTA
Chairperson

PHILIPPINE FEDERATION OF PRE-NEED PLAN COMPANIES, INC.

In behalf of the Philippine Federation of Pre-Need Plan Companies, Inc., I congratulate Berkley International Plans, Inc. and Family First, Inc. on the inauguration and opening of their newest Sales Office in SM City North EDSA.

The Federation is proud of the success of each member especially if this success has been attained amidst many challenges. Berkley, through Family First, has remained a strong and formidable player, proving its worth in an industry that is fast putting its mark in the map of nation-building.

I also congratulate Berkley and Family First for their adaptability and openness. Without doubt, there have been many advances and changes in the pre-need sector in the past couple of years. The two companies' dynamism has aroused the energies of other industry players as they each vie to reach the top, all in a spirit of friendly competition geared towards enhancing the lives of millions of Filipinos.

Staunchly working together for the country's progress through the provision of responsive and affordable financial products and services, the Federation lauds the expansion of Berkley and Family First as this signifies the pre-need sector's resolve to surge ahead despite all difficulties, economic or otherwise.

Again, congratulations and more power!

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL MADRIGAL VAZQUEZ
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Quezon City welcomes with pride Berkley International Plans, Inc. as it opens its newest Family First, Inc. (FFI) Sales Office in SM City North EDSA right at the heart of this city.

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We welcome the employment opportunities that the opening of Family First will bring to the city. We further welcome the gain that each Filipino family residing here could get from being introduced by the company to the ways of building a more secure future.

Just like Family First, my administration would like to see the Filipino family strengthened and better equipped to face the challenges that come with the modern times. The company can rest assured we will be together in pursuing this noble goal.

In behalf of my constituents, congratulations to Berkley International Plans and Family First!

Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

FELICIANO G. BELMONTE, JR.
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There is certainly no let-up in the expansion of Family First, Inc., sole marketing arm of Berkley International Plans, Inc.

Fresh from opening its fourth branch a few months back in SM Southmall, the innovative and non-traditional marketing leader inaugurated and formally opened last 14 August 2002 its 5th branch in one of the most highly populated malls in the entire country today—SM City North EDSA in Quezon City.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkley International Philippines, Inc., Family First continues to propel Berkley Plans' sales to greater heights.

End-December 2001 figures from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) point to Berkley Plans at 3rd place in the educational plan sector and 5th over-all in the entire pre-need industry, both in terms of new business.

Family First's non-traditional marketing strategy of bringing huge masses of people to the product instead of the other way around, albeit controversial at times, has proven successful and has, without doubt, contributed to a greater number of Filipino families now securing their future.

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Atty. Emilio B. Aquino, Director of the Non-Traditional Securities and Instruments Department itself of the Securities and Exchange Commission, served as Guest of Honor and Speaker on the occasion.

In his speech, Director Aquino assured the audience that while the pre-need sector has, admittedly, been in the spotlight lately for some not very positive news, people have absolutely nothing to fear about dealing with Berkley because "The company is very stable financially and has no Trust Fund deficiency. It has more than enough resources to cover all its obligations to its growing clientele," he emphasized.

Berkley International Plans, Inc. is the first and only pre-need company to have obtained a corporate credit rating of PRS Aplus from the Philippine Rating Services Corporation for its **"above-average capacity to meet its financial commitments"** compared to other Philippine corporations.

Director Aquino also directly addressed the employees of Berkley and Family First by saying that "You are fortunate to be employed by a company that got a PRS Aplus rating from PhilRatings. This fact alone should erase all apprehensions regarding your continuous employment. May it also serve to remind you all — the sales consultants, especially — of the tremendous responsibility in your hands in ensuring that the name of Berkley continues to be held in esteem by the customers who get out of your Family First sales offices."

Calling attention to the relationship between Berkley/Family First and the SEC, Director Aquino lauded the company's customer service efforts, saying that such contributed much to the early and speedy resolution of client concerns, a proof of the company's commitment to giving total customer satisfaction.

Atty. Juan Miguel Madrigal Vazquez, President of the Philippine Federation of Pre-Need Companies, Inc. also graced the inauguration.

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EDITORIALS

Unsafe

SO WE are reduced to this: members of Congress begging unknown abductors for the safe return of the children of one of their own. "Spare the kids," a veteran politician and influential committee chairman appealed to the kidnappers the other day.

The abduction on Friday of the 10-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son of Negros Occidental Rep. Jules Ledesma IV is stark proof that—contrary to the assured predictions made last month by both President Macapagal-Arroyo and Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane—the war against kidnap-for-ransom gangs has yet to be won. The tide of battle has not even turned.

Last Friday, the kidnappers struck with impunity. They did not only seize the children of a high-profile politician; they did so in a way that made eyewitnesses think they were watching a legitimate police operation. The armed men—there were at least four of them—deployed themselves confidently in daylight and used their guns aggressively: they fired at the windows of the van ferrying the children to school, shot the tires and, for good measure, raked the surrounding houses in a usually quiet part of San Juan town with automatic fire.

"This is proof that we haven't totally licked this menace," said Negros Occidental Rep. Apolinario Lozada, a family friend of the Ledesmas. Bacolod Rep. Monico Puentevella said the abduction sent "a strong message for us especially in Congress" that no one is safe from kidnappers.

"No one is safe." In time, the Ledesma abductions—which immediately filled radio and TV news programs and flooded the cellphone companies' text messaging systems—may be seen as a cultural trauma of the same harrowing impact as the shooting of Maureen Hultman a decade ago. The two cases illustrate the bitter truth that marks an hierarchical society like ours: Crimes against members of the upper classes strike fear and stoke uncertainty, not just among the privileged, but in all classes, because they signal one unmistakable message. No one, truly, is safe.

Unsound

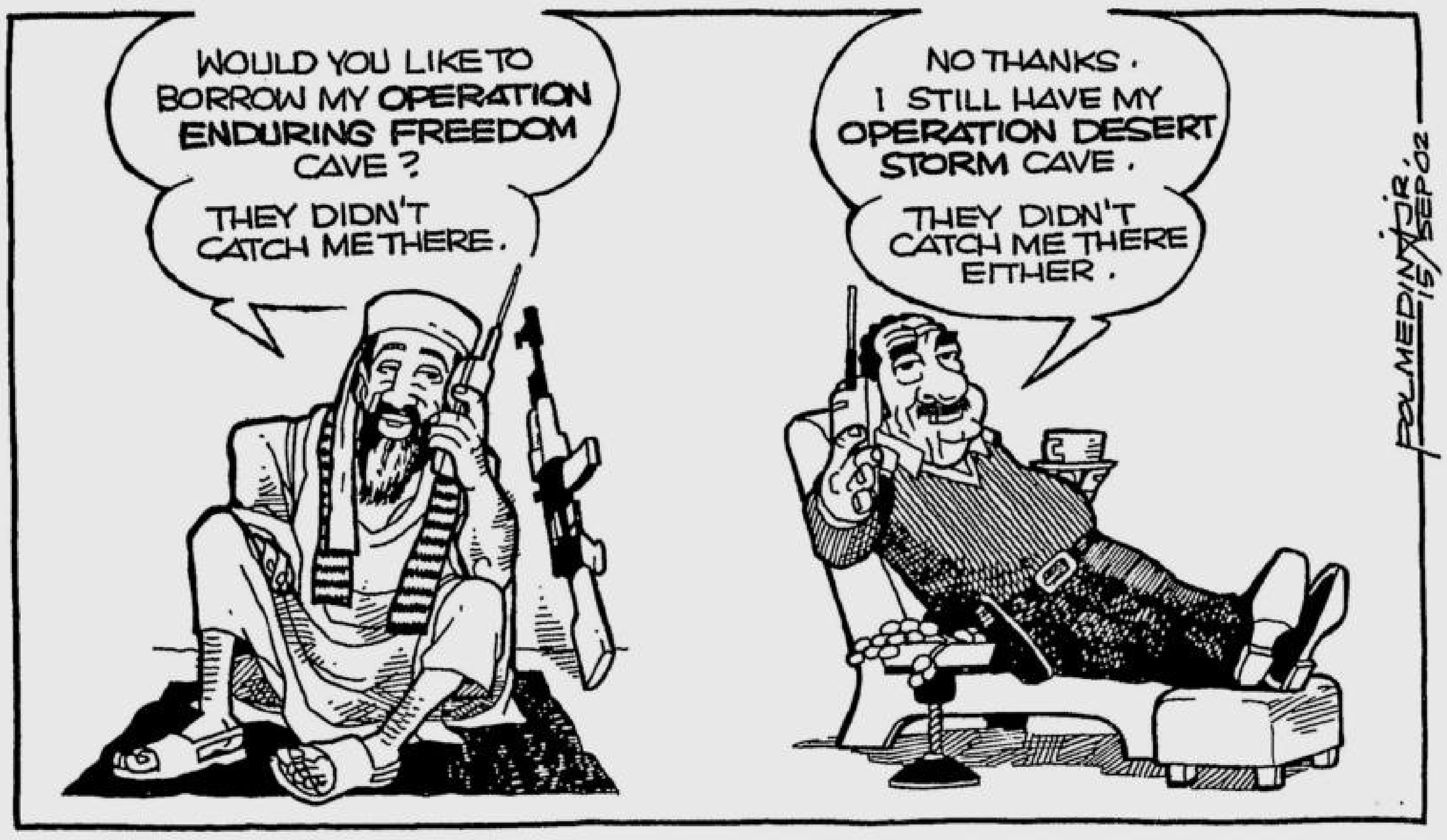
LAST month, after Pentagon kidnap gang leader Faisal Marohombsar was slain and 4-year-old Patricia Lopez Chong was rescued in a textbook-perfect police-military operation, the President said she was satisfied with the progress the PNP was making in the war on kidnapping—enough, she said, for her to reduce the deadline she gave the police to solve the crisis from one year to six months. The normally reticent Director General Hermogenes Ebdane also waxed expansive, and said the crisis may be solved by the end of the year.

We do not know what possessed the commander in chief and the country's top police general to make those declarations. Perhaps it was an attempt on their part to bolster morale in the ranks, and to boost business confidence. Or perhaps they really did think the government was winning the war.

But what kind of war is the campaign against kidnapping in the first place? If, as the President and Ebdane imply, it is a conventional one, then their statements are misleading. Like Gen. Douglas MacArthur's notorious pronouncements during his successful South Pacific campaign during World War II, the statements serve only to downgrade the rest of the work to "mopping-up operations." This is an insult to the men and women in the field, who bear the brunt of the work.

But if, as our own sorry experience tells us, the war on kidnapping is one of attrition, then the statements are outright lies. Almost by definition, a war of attrition isn't marked by certain victories and clear losses, and there are no timetables. (Compare this with the military pursuit of the Abu Sayyaf, for which the President has imposed no deadline.)

As a matter of policy, premature declarations of actual or impending victory are doubly risky, because they sacrifice the public's sense of well-being for a photo op and a sound bite.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Tactical delays

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

LAST week I wrote about the people's distrust of the judiciary because of the prevalent rumors of corruption among many judges. Let me now write about another complaint against our courts that may or may not also be tainted with corruption. My subject today is the common problem of delay in the administration of justice.

Delay is the tactic of some shysters who use it to postpone an inevitable guilty verdict against their clients. One of Estrada's former lawyers openly bragged that he could delay his client's case by as long as five years. In fact, the former President's trial has been unduly obstructed with scores of motions that have generally been denied for lack of merit.

The cases against the Marcoses for various offenses were filed soon after Edsa I in 1986, but the majority of them remain unresolved. We are now in a new century, and the old hope of their being decided soon is simply getting older.

The P23.5 billion tax deficiency adjudged against them in 1999 has not yet been collected. Imelda's conviction of graft by the Sandiganbayan was affirmed by the First Division of the Supreme Court but reversed by the *banc* in a questionable appeal. Except for these "reverses," the Marcoses are effectively "acquitted" because of the inaction on their cases.

Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena was disciplined by the Supreme Court after it was discovered that as of October 2000, there were as many as 450 cases in the Sandiganbayan that had not yet been decided even way beyond the reglementary period. Four-fifths of these cases were assigned to the First Division, which he himself heads. Recently, his motion for more time to dispose of the rest of his cases was denied by the Court.

Even first year law students are aware of the constitutional periods for the decision of cases. The Constitution gives the Supreme Court 24 months, 12 months for the lower collegiate courts unless further reduced by the Supreme Court, and three months for the other lower courts. In the Garchitorena case, this last period was applied to the Sandiganbayan on the ground that it is a trial court.

These deadlines are declared by the Constitution as "mandatory," but they are often exceeded, sometimes by the Supreme Court itself. Even if the last pleading has been filed, it may take its own time before declaring that the case is ready for decision. It is only from that declaration that the mandatory period begins to run.

It is bad enough that the prescribed deadlines are often ignored; the delay while the case is still in progress is no less deplorable. Some judges use all kinds of excuses to avoid the early decision of a case because they are either overloaded or simply indolent. The Supreme Court may require a comment, then a Reply, then a Rejoinder, then a Sur-rejoinder even if the additional pleadings are unnecessary.

In fairness, some courts are grossly overloaded and do not have enough time to deal with all their cases. A busy judge in Parañaque who was attending a seminar in Tacloban reset a case scheduled last Aug. 25 to Feb. 3, 2003. Still, I think the Mark Jimenez extradition case requires special prompt attention because of our treaty commitments with the United States. It has not yet been decided since it was filed by the Department of Justice on June 1, 1999, more than three years ago.

In a case before an RTC in Northern Samar, the parties received notice five and a half weeks in advance of the pre-trial. On the scheduled date, the defense counsel flew to that province with his client after submitting his pre-trial brief earlier. Thirty minutes before the pre-trial, the plaintiff's counsel sent a motion for postponement, averring that he had other trial commitments elsewhere. The defense counsel opposed the motion and moved for the dismissal of the case, pointing out that the plaintiff was absent without explanation, his also absent counsel's motion was filed late, and he had no pre-trial brief either.

The court ruled the motions submitted for resolution. The defense counsel and his client had to fly back to Manila after defraying considerable expenses for nothing. It was only two and a half months later that the defense counsel received notice of the denial of his motion and the re-scheduling of the pre-trial "in the interest of justice."

In rejecting procedural rules and giving undue partiality to the plaintiff, the judge has raised strong suspicions of his improbity and ignorance of the law. The case is still pending and is likely to be appealed if the defendant loses, which is almost certain. Even now, however, I am hoping, as a concerned citizen, that the Supreme Court will look into this disturbing report that has raised a *prima facie* case of yet another judicial anomaly.

As I stressed in this column last Sunday, the Supreme Court, as administrator of the judiciary, can initiate action instead of just passively waiting for the filing of complaints against erring judges. There are more irregularities in our courts than the 600 cases naively cited by Chief Justice Davide. The Court should *motu proprio* investigate rumors of judicial misconduct instead of ignoring them for the usual excuse of "lack of a proper party." That is a weak pretext for dereliction of duty.

An unending story

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

WHAT is the most painful thing for a wife to find out? That there is another woman and that there is another family. Some years ago, husband and wife walked into my office. Wife was crying. Husband was quiet. There was nothing he could say. His secret affair for eight years had been discovered. The only thing I asked the wife was to forgive. And she did! By God's grace, she accepted the pain and embraced her husband who by this time was already crying. Forgiveness is beautiful. But the story does not end there.

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Three days later, I received a phone call. Guess who was at the other end? The other woman. She heard about the encounter and she herself wanted to see me. She made a good confession with a resolve to just follow God's will in this difficult situation. She wanted to live a clean and a peaceful life, from now on, she said. She went home at peace and forgiven. Yes, forgiveness is beautiful. But the story does not end there.

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Three weeks later, believe it or not, they all wanted to meet in my office. I was not too keen on it, but since they asked for it, I acceded to their request, opening the meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for humility, openness and forgiveness. I expected fireworks but instead, there was a real opening of hearts. The husband asked for forgiveness from the wife and from the other woman. The other woman asked forgiveness from the wife. It was a beautiful moment of forgiveness and being forgiven. Yes, forgiveness is beautiful. But, the story does not end there!

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We ended with a prayer of thanksgiving and supplication for strength. Just when I thought everything was wrapped up, the other woman requested permission from the wife just to "embrace him for the last time." For a moment, time stood still. Then, she gave her nod to their final goodbye. Beautiful! Husband and the other woman embraced each other, crying. The wife was also crying, and she had no one to embrace, so she embraced me. Beautiful! But the story must end there! (Beyond that, *baka matsismis na ako!*) Yes, this was a story of forgiveness that already had a happy ending. How about your story of forgiveness? Happy ending *na ba*? Or, is it *"abangan ang susunod na kabanata"* until further notice?

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I took the pain of relating this long episode to underline the message of today's Gospel (Mt. 18, 21-35) about forgiving "seventy-seven times." In other words, forgiving and being forgiven have no limits. Forgiveness is a never-ending story. What ended in the above story was not forgiveness but hatred. Bury your hatred and put a happy ending to your story of forgiveness, once and for all.

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It is not easy to forgive, *sa totoo lang*. Humanly speaking, it is not easy to throw bread to people who throw rocks at us. We'd rather throw back stones or perhaps even a grenade! Give the "other cheek" when slapped? We'd rather give a knockout punch back! Only with God's help can we really forgive. If you can't forgive, pray. Pray much that the Lord will remove the hatred in your heart. You can't do it alone. Pray now for the people who have hurt you. *Bahala ka na lang* Lord *sa kanila* (Lord, take over. I put them in your hands).

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What does forgiveness mean? To forgive does not mean that it did not happen (Yes, it happened!). To forgive does not mean it did not hurt (Yes, it hurt!). To forgive means that I do not allow that which happened, and that which hurt to become a wall between you and me anymore.

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Why forgive? First, because you too have been forgiven much. Second, because it is good for you. It is you who suffer as long as you do not forgive. Hatred can eat you up, make you lose sleep and make you lose your peace. So, be good to yourself. Forgive.

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"Justice is when we get what we deserve. Mercy or forgiveness is when we don't get what we deserve. Grace is when we get what we don't deserve." We are not God. Human as we are, our forgiveness is conditioned by justice, but should not be limited to justice, because of grace. In other words, the minimum of forgiveness is justice, but beyond justice is mercy and forgiveness, all because of, and by God's grace.

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Recently, I received this text message: "May the Lord give you a heart free from sadness, a mind free from worries and a body free from unwanted fat!" I thought this was the most complete holistic prayer anyone can pray. Not quite. I would like to add to the prayer "a life free from hatred." I wish you all these.

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Think about it: hatred is like the wet cement. The longer you stay in it, the harder it will be for you to get out of it.

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A MOMENT WITH THE LORD

Lord, may forgiveness be an unending story in my life, and may hatred be just a passing wind. Amen.

Gov't trafficking Filipinas

COMMENTARY

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ONE block away from Rikkyo University in Tokyo where I was a graduate research student a few years ago was a Firipin Kurabu (Philippine Club). Next to the entrance of the three-story club was an advertising board with pictures of Filipinas in very sexy clothes. There was no doubt in my mind what that place was.

The first time I saw it, I was overcome with shame. I was afraid that my Japanese classmates would associate me with the Filipino dancers there. Only then did I understand why the high school Filipino-Japanese son of my Japanese professor did not consider himself half-Filipino. Only then did I understand why the Filipino-Japanese pupils in the grade school where I taught English, were the objects of bullying. So for the next two months I tried to follow another—longer—route just to avoid passing by that club.

In time, I learned to view the matter more maturely—even in a scholarly way. I eventually did not mind passing by the club anymore. It helped that I read a book, titled "Japan through the Eyes of Women Migrant Workers," aside from the fact that I was tired of taking the longer route.

The book, published in 1989, was a collection of stories of Asian women migrant workers, most of them Filipinas, who sought shelter at the Asian Women's Shelter, run by HELP, a Japanese nongovernment organization in Tokyo. One of their first clients was a Filipina named Lynn who endured a dehumanizing routine of working as a hostess in a club and having sex with club customers. The first time she was forced to have sex with an "unattractive, half-drunk, middle-aged Japanese man," she endured the ordeal by "thinking about something else the whole time—about my family and how glad they will be when I arrive home with lots of money for them." HELP assisted her in returning back to the Philippines. This was in 1986.

Unfortunately, more than a decade after Lynn's experience, we still hear the same tragic stories from women entertainers in Japan. (One good thing about reading old documentary books is that it gives one a way of measuring how things have changed since these books were published.)

A story similar to Lynn's is that of Joy Barcelona, who worked in Japan only a couple of years ago. She recently shared her experience in a series of focus group discussions that are now being conducted to cull the opinions of various stakeholders in the overseas performing artists (OPA) industry: NGOs, representatives from the Department of Labor and Employment and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, recruiters, owners of talent centers and former OPAs themselves.

According to Joy, they are officially called performing artists but instead of doing artistic work, they perform other things such as *dohan*, the obligatory practice of going out on dates with their customers. She said that they were forced to fulfill a certain quota of customers per day. She also said that the artist record book (ARB), a government mechanism to protect OPAs, is simply a pass to Japan—just a kind of market requirement. They cannot really protect the OPAs.

The initial result of the discussions, which are designed to help the government come up with better policies to effectively protect our OPAs, was presented to the Consultative Council on OFWs, a forum where government and civil-society groups discuss issues concerning overseas Filipino workers. The report included 10 points on how to alleviate the situation of the OPAs. Many of the items, however, cannot really do much in terms of protecting our women in Japan, where the violations occur.

This prompted Fr. Graziano Batistella of the Scalabrini Migration Center, the leading research institute on migration in Asia, to suggest "an eleventh point": "Kill the program of sending OPAs to Japan."

The straightforward suggestion elicited nervous laughter from the other council members. Perhaps, the laughter was in recognition of the simple truth in the Scalabrinian priest's suggestion.

When another member of the council, Carmelita Nuqui of the Development Action for Women Network, observed that the government is practically trafficking these women, Labor Undersecretary Manuel Imson, who chaired the council, denied the allegation saying that in fact they are trying to protect the OPAs with rules and regulations.

But then again, the regulations are clearly not working. The regulations cannot protect the OPAs and yet the government continues to implement them. Therefore, any way one looks at it, it is government-sanctioned trafficking. And this has to stop. There is no rational basis for sending our women to Japan anymore. That is only exposing them to vulnerable situations.

However, it is not easy to put a stop to the migration of women to Japan. Both the government and the NGOs know this. Thousands of families who depend on the remittances of our women workers in Japan will starve. Besides, the government desperately needs their remittances to prop up our ailing economy.

Clearly, more focus group discussions will have to be conducted among the various stakeholders to bridge their perspectives on the plight of the OPAs. But the participants will have to be willing to call a spade a spade.

The government is now protesting, as it should, the alleged sexual abuse of our women in Sabah, Malaysia. But it has been silent about the abuse that has been going on for more than a decade in Japan, where 99 percent of our OPAs go.

I have since realized that if there was anything to be ashamed of, it is not the women who endure hardship abroad to feed their families back home, but the government which by negligence or by the sheer failure of its protection mechanisms is trafficking its own women.

Never to be forgotten

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"THAT was great, Tita Rina! If only we understood what they were saying!" I brought my two nieces—Fani, an obstetrician-gynecologist based in Arizona, and Dada, a social worker who lives with her husband Todd in Miami—to "Lagi Kitang Naaalala," a musical tribute to National Artists Levi Celerio, "Atang" dela Rama and Lucio San Pedro.

What I didn't reckon with was, first, while Fani and, to a lesser extent, Dada, can follow conversational Filipino, the language used in the songs was too formal and complex for them who had spent much of their growing up years in the States. Second, I thought at least a few of the songs, especially the movie theme songs to which Celerio had penned the lyrics, would at least be familiar to them. "Don't you remember the love songs?" I asked them at one point. "They were quite popular in the '60s and '70s." "Tita Rina," Fani said, "we were born in the '70s!"

One of the bigger draws of the concert was that, while the artists being honored have all passed away and enjoyed their heyday more than 50 years ago, the song numbers would be performed by popular artists, many of them belonging to the stable of broadcast giant ABS-CBN. But the "big names" were essentially meaningless to my nieces, who were familiar with only one Filipino performer, Lea Salonga.

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STILL, all was not lost. They immensely enjoyed the medley of lighthearted movie songs with words by Levi Celerio: "Ang Pipit," "Pitong Gatang," "Kung Ako'y Mag-aasawa" and "Kalesa." This was largely because of the energetic and high-spirited performance of Carlo Orosa, JM Rodriguez, Noel Rayos, Arnold Reyes and Tonipet Gaba, together with the Bayanihan dancers, which paired strong, solid vocals with humor, verve and wit.

Also creating a strong impression was the "showdown" between two big hot mamas, Bituin Escalante and Sheila Franciso, who gave the lilting melodies "Galawgaw" and "Alembong" an edgy, rocker interpretation.

Then, too, one didn't have to grow up in the Philippines to enjoy Elizabeth Ramsey and Jaya in "Waray-waray," which wasn't so much a musical tribute (it was preceded by a movie clip of Nida Blanca who originated this popular ditty) as comic relief. Trust Ramsey to let her comic spirit guide her as she joined the young Ballet Philippines dancers, jumping about onstage in simian-like movements, and proceeded to steal the show from them. How generous of Jaya, I thought, to give up her moment in the spotlight to support her ever-young and ageless mother.

If there was one song familiar even to my nieces it was "Bayan Ko," and as performed by Seña and Alvarez and the Tanghalang Pilipino cast, it was extremely moving and solemn. There was little to justify the song's inclusion in the program, since neither Celerio nor San Pedro had created it, and it wasn't even in the original version of "Walang Sugat," the zarzuela where Dela Rama played the heroine. But it was added to the Tanghalang Pilipino version of "Walang Sugat," and I'm glad it was included in this concert, lending the performance patriotic depth and feeling, and tugging at the heartstrings of my young *balikbayan* relatives.

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WHEN not worrying about how (or whether) my nieces were enjoying themselves, it was easy enough to lose myself in the moment. Such occasions occur so rarely, after all, with contemporary artists interpreting some of the best and most beloved of Filipino classic songs. I couldn't help wondering who was more honored by the musical tribute: the three National Artists for having their work brought back to contemporary awareness by being performed by popular stars, or the pop singers and performers for the privilege of interpreting these immortal works of art.

Among the more notable numbers was Regine Velasquez's interpretation of "Sa Ugoy ng Duyan," the lullaby that was Celerio's and San Pedro's sole collaboration, artfully rearranged with a more contemporary appeal. Another high point was the medley of love songs written for local movies, for which Celerio had written the lyrics, which played like a compilation of the most beloved romantic ballads that to this day move Filipino lovers in search of ways to express their feelings. Piolo Pascual and Dianne dela Fuente, young actors and singers, surprised the audience with their energized and confident interpretation of "Awit ng Pabo at Loro," an obscure song from the zarzuela "Dalagang Bukid." Emmy Cayabyab a classical singer, was a revelation as a naughty, saucy Angelita singing "Nabasag ang Banga," popularized by Dela Rama and a pre-war "hit tune." Not to be overlooked was the quiet number toward the concert's close, young singer Roel Nicco Valenzuela interpreting "Kahit Konting Pagtingin," accompanied only by guitarist Perf de Castro, and stilling our hearts and quieting our senses overwhelmed by the busy production numbers that preceded it.

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TRUE, compromises had to be made to accommodate commercial considerations. ABS-CBN, one of the sponsors of the musical tribute (together with the CCP, the NCCA and the Management Association of the Philippines), is airing the last night's performance as a TV special tonight. So understandably, its contract stars got top billing. I admit, I couldn't help wondering at times how the songs could have been better interpreted by classically trained singers. But it was obvious everyone was giving his or her best to do justice not just to this production but also to the life and work of three National Artists who collectively enriched our culture and our national soul.

A test for the UN

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE ONGOING 57th Session of the United Nations General Assembly is a defining moment in the history of the world body. Its authority, long eroded by failure to act on urgent issues and by the willful non-compliance of some member-states with its resolutions, will be put to a final test over the Middle East.

The debate on what to do with Iraq has begun. Last Thursday, US President George W. Bush presented his country's case against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan urged the United States not to resort to any unilateral action against Iraq, and to give the Security Council another chance to enforce its resolutions. The United States demands that Iraq be compelled to immediately readmit UN weapons inspectors into its territory, and to destroy all weapons of mass destruction and long-range missiles in its possession. Even as he clearly acknowledges the UN's authority, Bush however leaves open the option of a pre-emptive strike in the name of self-defense.

Great Britain, America's staunchest ally in the war against terror, is expected to propose a new resolution to the Security Council, setting a deadline for substantial compliance by Iraq. No problem, says the Iraqi foreign minister, provided no new conditions or limitations are imposed.

This statement alone foreshadows a long debate in the Security Council. The United States has made it known that it will not hesitate, as George W. Bush told the graduating class of West Point in July, "to take the battle to the enemy, disrupt his plans and confront the worst threats before they emerge."

The United States invokes Article 51 of the United Nations Charter as the warrant for the action it contemplates against Iraq. This article revolves around the right of self-defense of nations: "Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security."

But no one is questioning this right. What is being questioned is the right to pre-emptive self-defense. The UN Charter states that self-defense may be invoked only "if an armed attack occurs." Yet America insists it cannot wait for this attack to occur. It was already attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11; it fears another attack with weapons of far more devastating power unless Saddam is stopped from supplying these to the terrorists now. The right that the United States is invoking is nowhere to be found in Article 51, although one may grant that it does appeal to customary common sense.

As the lone superpower left in the world, the United States seeks to rewrite international law by extending its meaning. Last year, after identifying Osama bin Laden as the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, it located him in Afghanistan and forthwith challenged the Taliban government there to hand him over. The Taliban's refusal to surrender Bin Laden became America's justification to invade Afghanistan.

Nothing in the UN Charter gave America this right, yet the UN stood by and kept quiet. Sympathy for America over Sept. 11 was fresh and strong, and the Taliban government was an extremely unpopular regime. Today America is having a hard time persuading its allies.

The United States seeks to define Iraq's long-term effort to acquire nuclear capability and to develop weapons of mass destruction as a hostile act in itself. The only way it can do this, if it is to avoid being accused of observing a double standard, is to link Saddam to Bin Laden and the al-Qaida. That is the reason there is so much talk about al-Qaida operatives hiding in Iraq, and Saddam applauding the Sept. 11 attacks. The idea is to make Iraq's development of lethal weapons continuous with the September terrorist conspiracy. Yet, the United States has not produced any convincing evidence of this connection. Until the United States does, to support an American unilateral strike against Iraq today is to side with aggression.

America, of course, has enough money, weapons and soldiers not only to topple governments but to take possession of any country in the world today. If this were the 19th century, it would not need any excuse to justify even a war of conquest. But the world has moved a long way from that order of things. Slowly, a world government with mechanisms of conflict resolution has evolved, which, despite its imperfections and failures, enforces the rule of law and keeps nations from murdering one another. In an era of nuclear weapons, that is not a mean achievement. It is this that America threatens today by its insistence on the right to pre-emptive self-defense. Although couched in very diplomatic language, Kofi Annan's speech on Thursday was a desperate attempt to keep the United States from throwing away a century of human achievement.

If America proceeds against Iraq without UN Security Council sanction, other nations will be lining up to claim the same right. Russia is already poised to go into neighboring Georgia to flush out Chechnyan rebels who have sought refuge there. Israel will continue raiding Palestinian towns suspected of harboring suicide bombers. And the tension now prevailing over Kashmir between India and Pakistan, both nuclear-armed, can easily give way to reciprocal pre-emptive adventurism.

If the United States goes ahead without UN approval, multilateralism will die. No other nation is strong enough to stop America. America will enforce the law of the strong.

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Why not enforce all the laws?

COMMENTARY

Denis Murphy

MOST people are aware of the conflict between vendors and Chairman Bayani Fernando of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority. The harsh treatment of vendors is, however, only the tip of the iceberg. The chair plans to evict 10,000 poor families along the Pasig River and perhaps 20,000 more families from *esteros* and rivers for the flood control project. All will be sent to distant relocation sites, a solution which has proved ruinous for the poor in the past. Studies show, for example, that it takes the families in Erap City in Montalban and other relocation sites five years to recover economically.

Even more worrisome is the possibility that Fernando is a symbol of the "strong republic" and represents a decisive change in President Macapagal-Arroyo's thinking, from enlightened programs and concern and assistance toward the poor to a get-tough, no-holds-barred, law-and-order approach that may please the upper classes but devastate poor families.

Side of the poor

Since it looks like we are in for a long season of evictions and protests, two points may help the general public understand the problem from the poor person's side.

First, people like Fernando apply the law selectively. For every law that demands vendors be removed from sidewalks, or urban poor homes from riverbanks, there are laws laying down in detail how local governments should help vendors and the urban landless. For example, our office received recently a memorandum circular dated Oct. 9, 2001 from the Department of Interior and Local Government reminding mayors and governors that there is in effect an executive order signed by then President Fidel V. Ramos instructing them to provide assistance to vendors and ambulant peddlers so they will have secure places in which to sell. The mayors are to help organize the vendors to ensure that good results are achieved.

For every law forbidding poor families to stay on private or government lands illegally, there are laws, such as, the Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) that instruct mayors and others to make land surveys, set aside land for social housing of the poor, etc. so people won't have to squat.

Is it fair to implement laws that penalize the poor when the laws that would have provided solutions for them are not implemented? Is there some legal remedy for such selectivity?

The concern of some commentators on the Bayani Fernando-vendors controversy such as Amando Doronila is that social protest can get out of hand and undermine democracy itself. They question the usefulness of mass protest actions in a democracy where there are courts, a legislature, regular elections, a free media, a human rights commission through which poor people's voices can be heard. This same concern is heard in the Church and many parts of civil society.

Extraordinary channels

It goes without saying that there are good and bad protest actions, and discernment is necessary. However, there must be room for poor people who are marginalized to step outside the ordinary channels of redress, the courts, etc. when they want to make the powerful listen. The ordinary channels simply haven't worked for them. If they had worked, we wouldn't be in the mess we are today.

Some of the extraordinary channels the poor may use are strikes if they are workers, marches and demonstrations as mentioned, and non-violent resistance. To limit poor people to the courts and ordinary channels of redress is to silence them.

The Philippines is not the only country where the major societal institutions, government and non-government, have failed to listen to the poor. A World Bank study of poverty based on discussions with 40,000 poor people in 50 countries, including the Philippines, said:

"Poor women and men in many countries feel further socially excluded and less protected than before. This disintegration of the social order is compounded by the fact that for many the old coping mechanisms based on traditional networks are fast disappearing. The poor speak of a loss of community, which was once a partial substitute for the lack of assistance from distant state regimes the poor feel powerless to change. Community solidarity has indeed increased in some places as a form of self-protection, but it is unable to confront—much less change—corrupted state institutions that become aligned with criminality and justice and police protection that can be bought and sold. In this type of environment, moving out of poverty is beyond personal control, beyond personal effort."

What is needed in dealing with the poor is not a strong arm but openness to listen to what the poor are saying and to accept that non-violent protest actions are their way of saying it. The World Bank study is aptly subtitled, "Can Anyone Hear Us?"

Democracy's life blood

Mass protests against laws or actions or mass campaigns for causes are not only for the poor. Alexis de Tocqueville in the 19th century and other political scientists since have pointed out that a democracy that consists solely in voting every few years will atrophy. Citizen meetings, citizen movements, popular initiatives and causes, mass actions, campaigns, cooperatives and common actions are the life blood of democracy. Without them, the direction of society is left to a few players whose motives are at best questionable.

Still, people wonder why we need conflict and confrontation. Why can't we negotiate differences? Why can't the various stakeholders meet and discuss until they find solutions acceptable to all?

In the case of Bayani Fernando the answer is fairly simple. He has refused twice to meet with the April 30 Working Group, a federation of poor people's organizations. In a press conference last Sept. 2, he said he would meet with threatened families only after the evictions are over.

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THEY SAID

No cure-all

"The two laws could help, but not in the magnitude that would make our coffers brim with cash."
—Sen. Ralph Recto, on the enactment of the Special Purpose Asset Vehicle and Transco bills

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TALK of the TOWN

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Where have all the condoms gone?

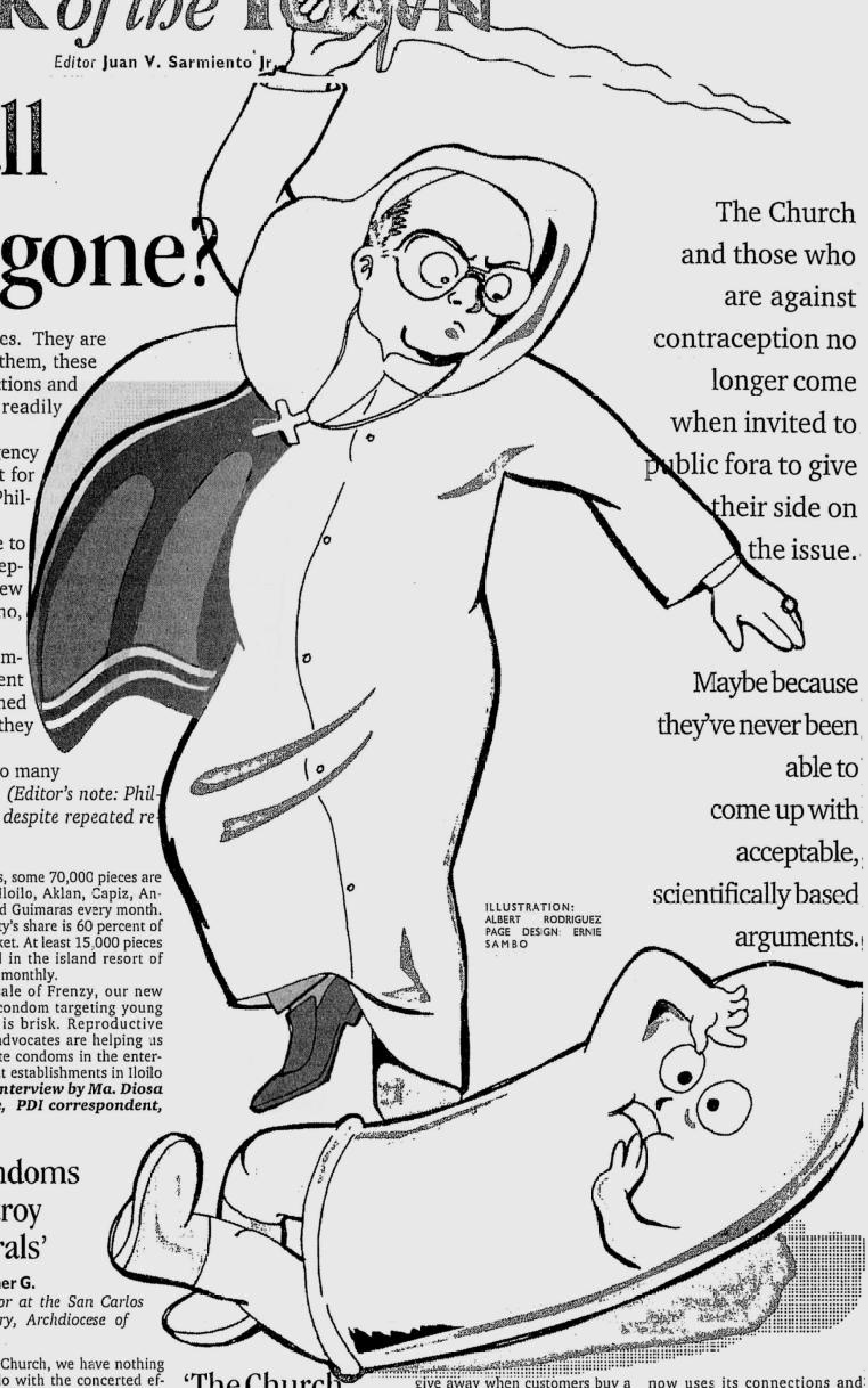
CONDOMS are vanishing from a growing number of stores. They are no longer sold at 7-11. If supermarkets are still selling them, these have been removed from the open shelves of grocery sections and transferred to glass shelves of drugstores, making them not readily available to those who are too shy to ask.

Supply of prophylactics may further shrink because the US Agency for International Development has decided to stop its support for the procurement of condoms. The last condom supply to the Philippines will be shipped in November.

The "disappearance" of condoms in retail outlets is partly due to the aggressive campaign of the Catholic Church against contraceptives. In Iloilo, the Church has reportedly threatened not to renew the lease of several department stores, including SM and Gaisano, if they continue to sell condoms openly.

The Church campaign against condoms and other artificial family planning methods is also directed at legislators. The president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines has warned members of Congress of an electoral backlash in 2004 should they push for a more aggressive population control.

Women's groups fear that the "vanishing" condoms will lead to many unwanted pregnancies and the spread of STDs, including AIDS. *(Editor's note: Philippine Seven Corp., operator of 7-11 stores, did not give its side despite repeated requests by this section.)*



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The Church and those who are against contraception no longer come when invited to public fora to give their side on the issue.

Maybe because they've never been able to come up with acceptable, scientifically based arguments.

'A priest asked an SM store manager not to display condoms'

By Jose Marcon
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WE started pulling out Trust condoms displayed near the cash registers of SM City malls in Iloilo City in October 2001. For more than two years, our sales were low and not enough to pay for the space. Drugstores and personal care boutiques in SM malls still carry our condoms today but they are kept inside glass shelves and not readily available to those who are too shy to ask.

In 1998, I was informed that the land on which SM Jaro stands is owned by the Catholic Church and that a priest asked the store manager then not to display condoms near the cash registers. (Msgr. Jose Gamboa, the vicar general of Jaro archdiocese, says there was no policy to ban condoms in stores surrounding the Jaro Cathedral. Also, Fr. Emmanuel Trance, archdiocese spokesperson, denied church ownership of the land where SM Jaro stands)

Two Gaisano malls simply refused to display condoms in their grocery section, only at the drugstores. The store manager says he is pro-life. The five branches of Iloilo Supermarkets keep condoms inside the glass shelves of their drugstores. The owner says he does not want to go through the trouble of facing priests who might complain about the presence of condoms in the grocery section.

Another mall, Star City, beside the archbishop residence in Jaro, confined the display of condoms to its drugstore. I was informed that a priest asked that condoms be displayed discreetly, meaning not in the top shelves or at a place easily spotted.

Condoms are carried by almost all drug stores in Iloilo City, except the Rose Pharmacy chain of drugstores that has a standing policy not to sell condoms.

There are towns in Iloilo province where stores selling Trust condoms were chastised by priests and nuns. Sometime in 1995, nuns in Calinog town tore down our posters promoting condoms. In Lambunao and Miag-ao towns, priests took to the pulpit and spoke against condoms.

The campaign against condoms was terrible in 1997 and 1998. Priests asked: why do condoms come in different colors and flavors? What were they for?

Phobia

I've developed a phobia in promoting condoms in the towns, especially in *sari-sari* stores. Often, store owners would refuse to sell condoms and tell me that what I'm telling them is *bastos* (vulgar) and goes against the teaching of the Catholic Church.

I was advised by a doctor to promote condoms not as contraceptives but as protection against sexually transmitted infection and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). That way I would avoid clashing with the Church.

Despite the campaign against condoms, some 70,000 pieces are sold in Iloilo, Aklan, Capiz, Antique and Guimaras every month. Iloilo City's share is 60 percent of the market. At least 15,000 pieces are sold in the island resort of Boracay monthly.

The sale of Frenzy, our new line of condom targeting young adults, is brisk. Reproductive health advocates are helping us distribute condoms in the entertainment establishments in Iloilo City. ***(Interview by Ma. Diosa Labiste, PDI correspondent, Iloilo)***

'Condoms destroy morals'

By Father G.
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AS a Church, we have nothing to do with the concerted efforts (against condoms). The people know the facts. If you're a parent and has a child, who is just in high school and has sex, *ayaw mo ng ganun dahil masisira ang buhay nya.*

The parents themselves go to the stores and tell the managers not to display or sell the condoms. AIDS is not a religious issue. This is a concern not only of the Church, but also of the medical profession, of the family.

Condoms destroy morals, society, the human body and brings AIDS and STD. It doesn't have to be between DKT and the Church. It must be between DKT and doctors.

'The Church is involved in unconventional warfare'

By Benny Llapitan
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CONVENIENCE stores like 7-11 no longer sell condoms because of an unfortunate incident. As part of our Valentine's promo, we gave our outlets extra condoms to give away when customers buy a certain amount of goodies. Unfortunately, a clerk in a 7-11 outlet near the Paco Catholic School unwittingly gave free Frenzy condoms to a student in civilian clothes. The youngster was caught showing off the neon green and flaming orange condoms to his classmates. The principal was notified and his parents summoned.

7-11 pullout

The parents, imagining horror stories, stormed the 7-11 outlet and wrote the Board about the incident. Rather than ask their crew to be more discriminate next time, the Board of Directors, headed by Vicente Paterno, who is reportedly a member of the conservative Opus Dei, pulled out all the condom stocks. The pullout put a 15-percent dent on DKT sales.

This, on top of a decreasing condom market share. A comparative study made by DKT International, Inc. shows that in 1990, the Department of Health supplied 10.5 million pieces of condoms, making up 70.4 percent of the total condom market. This went down in 2001 when the DOH supplied only 8.29 million condoms.

Commercial players like DKT took up most of the slack, increasing its market share from 1.36 percent in 1990 to 63.22 percent in 2001. Philusa, the distribution company of Mercury Drug, also upped its market share from 2.5 percent in 1990 to 11.9 percent in 2001. Others like the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, through the International Planned Parenthood Federation, covered 2.7 percent of the condom market in 1990 but this declined to 1.14 percent in 2001.

Things were much better before 1996 because at least the Catholic Church was out there and the debate was above board. Public debates are good because they bring out all the arguments, and it's up to the people to make their own decisions. That was the best way to do it.

But the Church knows it can't win in a conventional war, so now, it's into unconventional warfare. It now uses its connections and power over people to enforce its position. The Church and those who are against contraception no longer come when invited to public fora to give their side on the issue. Maybe because they've never been able to come up with acceptable, scientifically based arguments.

This government is a hypocrite. GMA is just concerned about paying back what she perceives is a political favor that she owes the Catholic Church. ***(Interview by Pinky Serafica)***

'Going underground'

By Pinky C. Serafica
Women's Feature Service

THE CATHOLIC Church is going underground. This pretty much sums up Strategy 2002 of silence and stealth that followed decades of fire-and-brimstone trained on anything that smacked of "family planning."

Now, women's groups say that condoms are missing from convenience stores and that some "pro-life" local government units have advised barangay health centers to turn down women asking for pills and reproductive health services, and worse, conservatism is creeping in national governance—all done quietly until one day we will wake up to ask, "where have all the condoms gone?"

The US Agency for International Development, which for 11 years, provided technical assistance and supplies to boost the country's family planning structure, will discontinue its support for the procurement of condom shipments by September this year. The supply of oral contraceptive pills will still continue for a year more, "stock-out" will be on September 2004. With the USAID pullout looming, and the possibility that there won't be any free contraceptive supply in barangay health centers, where can Aling Pacing or Ka Paeng go?

'Subtle attacks against family and life'

By Jaime L. Cardinal Sin
Archdiocese of Manila

WE also cannot fail to see the toll that population control has had in 71 countries today. (D)emographers say that an average of at least 2.1 children per woman is needed to maintain the population. It also has to be considered that (if the 2.1 figure is aimed for) the tendency is actually for many couples to have only one or no child, bringing down the average to around 1.8 or less children per woman. This will assure the country of population aging and underpopulation.

Over the last 30 years many developed countries have been having only one or two children per woman, and will eventually experience a decline in population. Less children would mean less workforce and thus the need for more working immigrants, a shrinking market (who will buy toys, school supplies and children's wear?), more elderly citizens to support with government and private money, and so on. This could lead the country into economic and security disasters, which we have to avoid at all cost.

Such economic and security concerns are the reasons why a good number of highly developed countries invite their citizens to have more children.

And what could be made out of AIDS education? It is sad that the incidence of AIDS is increasing in our beloved country. We have to be compassionate towards AIDS patients. As with any other disease, the best approach to stopping AIDS is prevention. But could the transmission of the AIDS virus (the HIV) really be stopped by using what some call "safe sex," that is, the condom? Scientific studies show that condoms may fail to stop sperm, virus and other microorganisms causing sexually transmitted diseases due to various reasons, such as breakage, leakage, slippage, old age, improper storage and the naturally occurring minute pores present in all latex materials.

Thus, maybe it would be best to request or even require condom advertisers to state something like, WARNING: CONDOMS DO NOT GUARANTEE PROTECTION FROM AIDS OR STD. Such a notice is not only scientifically accurate, but is a necessary protection for, and even a right of, unknowing consumers. Remember that for the same reason warnings are placed in other products, such as CIGARETTE SMOKING IS DANGEROUS FOR YOUR HEALTH, DRINK MODERATELY, and, BREAST MILK IS BEST FOR BABIES UNTIL TWO YEARS OLD. Along this line, it might also be good to require chemical contraceptives to put warnings such as, PILLS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO INCREASE INCIDENCE OF BREAST CANCER, or, PILLS CAUSE ABORTION BY NOT ALLOWING IMPLANTATION. All this is a matter of telling the truth! And the truth shall set us free! Free from all the evils these products bring, not only physically, but also spiritually.

Now, practically the only ways in which the HIV may be transmitted through sexual contact are the following: (1) premarital sex, (2) marital infidelity and (3) homosexual acts. By sheer logic alone, it follows that those who promote the condom to stop AIDS in general also automatically promote these three practices, because these are the only situations wherein the person needs the condom to stop AIDS.

Furthermore, if those promoting the condom are really sincere in their desire to stop AIDS, why do they almost never promote the technique that is 100 percent sure? Yes, we can stop AIDS here and now through the S.O.S. method: SEX ONLY with SPOUSE! That is, marital fidelity, the only effective and cheapest way to stop AIDS!

By the way, the condom and chastity are two completely opposing approaches to the AIDS problem. You earn from the condom, but not from chastity. The condom corrupts and weakens people, chastity forms and strengthens them. The condom destroys families and individuals, chastity builds them up. The condom spreads promiscuity, and thus sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, while chastity battles them.

(Excerpts from the Pastoral Letter of July 9, 2001. The passageswere chosen because condoms are usually marketed as a means of population control and AIDS prevention—Father G.)

Bush wants UN to set Iraq deadline 'in days, weeks'

UNITED NATIONS—US President George W. Bush on Friday said he expected the United Nations to set a deadline for action against Iraq in "days and weeks" as international pressure mounted on the Baghdad regime.

With the threat of conflict in the Gulf apparently growing by the day, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council started meetings to discuss a new resolution on Iraq.

Bush told reporters: "We must have deadlines, and we're talking days and weeks, not months and years."

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the security council permanent members—Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—had agreed there must be a deadline but that no limit had been set yet.

Bush, who warned the UN General Assembly on Thursday that US action against Baghdad was "unavoidable" unless Saddam was disarmed, added that he was "highly doubtful" that the Iraqi leader will meet demands to let weapons inspectors back into Iraq.

On Thursday, Bush demanded that Iraq scrap weapons of mass destruction, end support for terrorism, end persecution of Iraq's civilian population, free or account for non-Iraqis missing since the 1991 Gulf War and end efforts to circumvent UN economic sanctions.

In response Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz said the US leader's address was full of "lies and slanders."

Baghdad would not accept Bush's conditions and demands for the unconditional return of weapons inspectors, Aziz said told Dubai-based MBC television. Iraq will "teach (the Americans) a lesson" if they attacked.

The UN General Assembly on Friday discussed how to take up the US challenge for action on Iraq, while Arab states urged Baghdad to let UN arms inspectors back in.

Russia and China, which wield veto power at the Security Council, reiterated that the Iraqi problem must be settled through the United Nations, but stayed silent on the possible threat of US military action.

In separate speeches to the Assembly on Friday, and emphasized the importance of tackling international crises through the multilateral system. But neither challenged Bush's threat.

"Experience shows that no matter how complex international crises and conflicts may be . . . they can be settled with the aid of UN instruments and on the basis of international law," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said, addressing the assembly.

His Chinese counterpart, Tang Jiaxuan, argued that Beijing stood for "a political settlement of the question of Iraq," adding that "the United Nations should play an important role in this regards."

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has also warned the United States against taking unilateral action against Iraq.

But US Secretary of State Colin Powell said he thought the UN would take Iraq more seriously now because of Bush's challenge and his warning that Washington reserved the right to act if the UN failed to do so.

And Arab states seemed to distance themselves from Baghdad, with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urging Saddam to "grab the opportunity" and allow the weapons experts to return.

Failure to do so would "lead to disastrous consequences" for Iraq and the Middle East at large, he warned. *AFP*

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Prime suspect in 9/11 attacks captured in raid

WASHINGTON—Ramzi Binalshibh, a prime suspect in last year's September 11 terror attacks, has been detained in Pakistan and is now in US custody, US government sources said Friday.

RAMZI Binalshibh AP

US officials said Binalshibh, a Yemeni, was captured Wednesday in Karachi by Pakistani authorities, accompanied by FBI agents, during a raid in which three people were killed and several others arrested.

He is being held by US authorities in an undisclosed location.

US Attorney General John Ashcroft named Binalshibh as one of the most wanted suspects within weeks of the destruction of the World Trade Center towers.

In a recent interview with the Arab satellite television network Al-Jazeera, Binalshibh boasted that he was an active al-Qaida planner in the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington that left more than 3,000 dead.

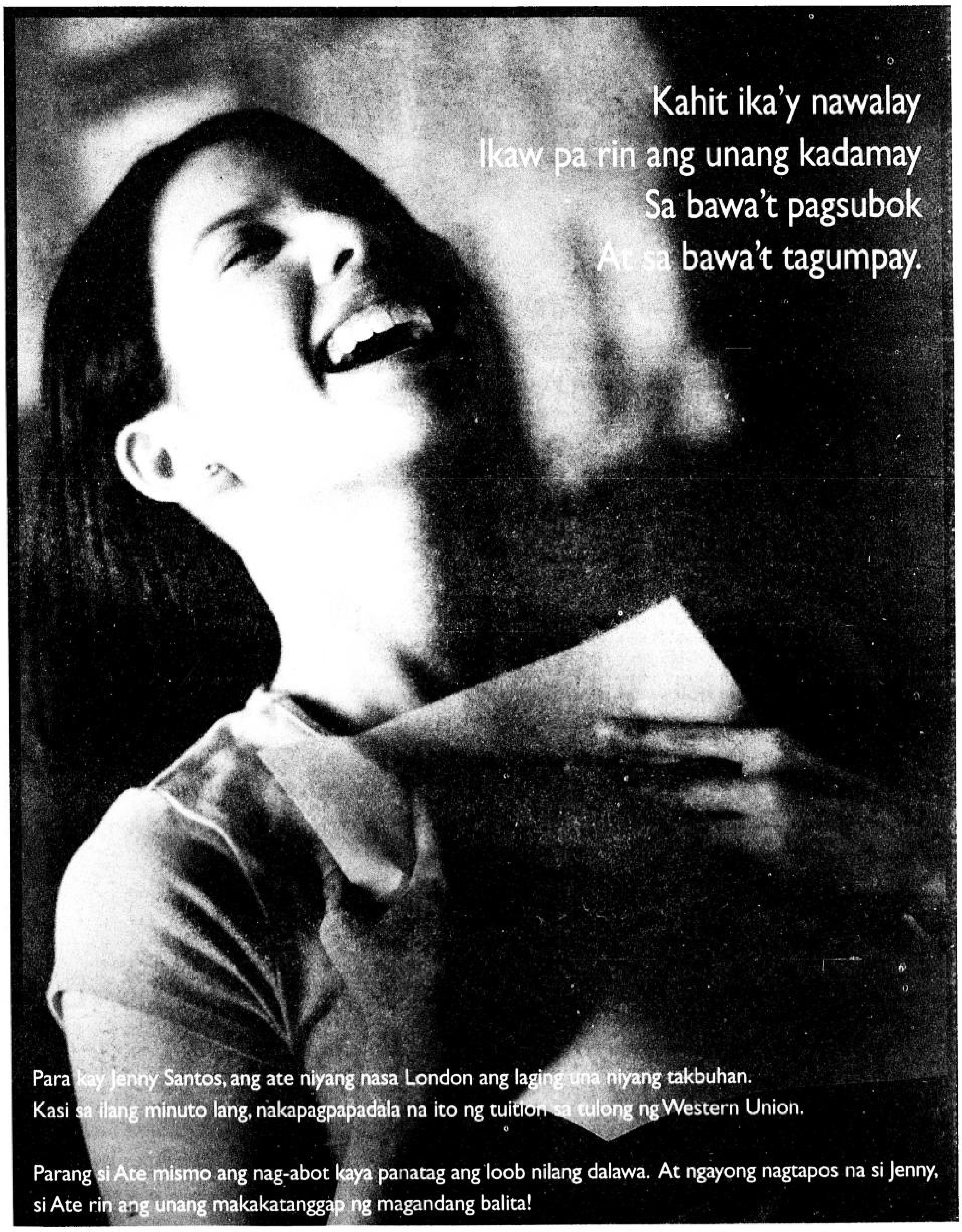
FBI director Robert Mueller said last year that Binalshibh was to have been one of the hijackers of United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania after a passenger uprising against the air pirates.

He had enrolled in a flying school but was refused entry to the United States four times, Mueller said.

Binalshibh then handled logistics and money matters for the attacks and entered Pakistan just before the September 11 attacks, US officials said.

Binalshibh was a roommate of Mohammed Atta, the hijackers' ringleader, when an al-Qaida cell was active in Hamburg, Germany, according to the officials.

In January, Binalshibh was among five al-Qaida suspects on a video and photos released by the US authorities as part of their international hunt for the September 11 organizers. *AFP*



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'FRIENDLY FIRE' IN AFGHANISTAN

2 US pilots charged in bombing of Canadians

WASHINGTON—The US military has formally charged two pilots with manslaughter over the friendly fire killings of four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, officials said Friday.

Canada welcomed the decision.

"It demonstrates that they take it very seriously, and about that I'm very pleased," Canadian Defense Minister John McCallum told reporters in Ottawa. "I think those are very, very serious charges." Four counts of manslaughter and eight counts of assault were filed against US Air Force majors Harry Schmidt and William Umbach.

They were pilots of two F-16 jets from which a 500-pound (225 kilo) laser-guided bomb on Canadian ground forces engaged in a live-fire exercise near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on April 17.

Schmidt is also charged with failing to exercise appropriate flight discipline and not complying with rules of engagement, the Pentagon said in a statement.

Umbach also faces charges that "as flight commander, he negligently failed to exercise appropriate flight command and control and to ensure compliance with the rules of engagement."

A US military commission of inquiry said that Schmidt was flying low and saw lights like fireworks which he thought could be surface-to-air fire and requested permission to return fire.

Schmidt told ground control that he felt in imminent danger and released the bomb, the inquiry said, adding: "When the two F-16s landed, they were told they had released a bomb on friendly forces."

The inquiry found that Schmidt rolled in to attack the target without waiting for the go-ahead from air controllers when he should have taken evasive action.

"This resulted in a violation of the rules of engagement and the inappropriate use of lethal force," the investigation report said.

"Under the circumstances, Major (Schmidt) acted with reckless disregard for the foreseeable consequences of his actions, thereby endangering friendly forces in the Kandahar area," it said.

As the flight commander, Umbach should have asserted control over the situation but failed to.

The report said he may have remained passive due to excessive deference to Schmidt's reputation as a graduate of the Navy's "Top Gun" school for fighter pilots.

Other contributing factors were poor mission planning and weak leadership by their 170th Fighter Squadron.

The pilots maps were incomplete and did not show areas with special use and airspace such as Tarnak Farms, the training area where the Canadians were conducting their live fire drill.

Specific notice of the exercise was not disseminated to air units, but the investigation found that this lapse was "neither causal nor substantially contributory to the incident." Brigadier General Stephen Sargeant, who led the investigation, brought the charges against the two members of the 170th Fighter Squadron on Wednesday. The squadron, based in Springfield, Illinois, is part of the 183rd Fighter Wing.

An unprecedented joint US-Canadian investigation found that Canadian soldiers bore no blame for the accidental bombing.

A separate Canadian investigation cleared all Canadian personnel of responsibility for the incident, which resulted in Canada's first combat deaths since the Korean War.

Lieutenant General Bruce Carlson, head of the 8th Air Force, will now decide how the charges will be handled. US Air Force spokeswoman Captain Denise Kerr said Carlson could exonerate them or order a military grand jury for a new investigation before any court martial.

If found guilty the two face a maximum 64 years in jail, 10 years for each of the four deaths and three each for the eight assault charges. *AFP*

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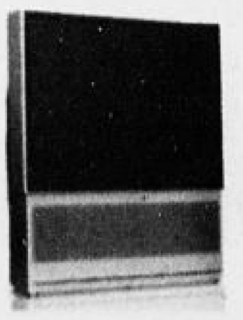

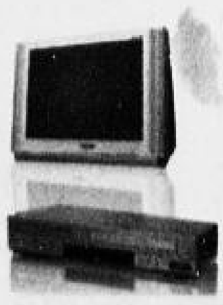

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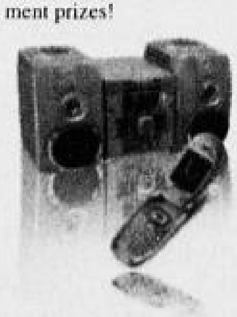

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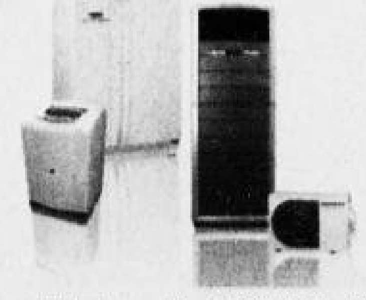

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Georgia: Putin warning a threat of aggression

TBILISI, Georgia—Georgia denied Friday that Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning of possible military intervention could be justified by the international anti-terrorist campaign, saying it was nothing but a "threat of Russian aggression against a neighboring sovereign state."

The Georgian Foreign Ministry issued its official response two days after Putin's ultimatum to Georgia to take strong action against alleged terrorists on its territory or face Russian involvement. Putin based his argument on United Nations resolutions on fighting terrorism that permit unilateral action.

"The Georgian side firmly calls on the Russian side to refrain from steps that have not been thought out, which could lead to new destruction and human losses, destabilize the situation in the Caucasus as a whole and inflict irreparable damage to Russian-Georgian relations," the Georgian ministry said.

Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze later sent a five-page letter to Putin, complaining about Russian attempts to turn Georgia into an "enemy."

"No such threat has come from Georgia in relation to Russia or will come," Shevardnadze said in the letter, which was released to the media.

Furious words have flown between Tbilisi and Moscow since late July, when Russia accused Georgian authorities of allowing a 60-strong band of Chechen rebels to cross into Russia. Even before that, tensions had been building steadily over Georgia's lawless Pankisi Gorge, where Chechen rebels and terrorists allegedly linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network had found refuge and from which they allegedly launched attacks into Russia.

Under intense pressure from Russia, and after the United States began an anti-terrorist training program for Georgian troops, Tbilisi last month launched a police operation to root out suspected rebels from the gorge. However, authorities first warned the rebels about the impending sweep, so they could leave the area and avoid bloodshed.

The operation so far has netted 13 alleged criminals and one suspected Arab militant. Putin and other Russian officials have ridiculed the sweep as a meaningless public relations ploy that has failed to rid the gorge of militants. They have also accused the Georgian government of dragging its feet on Moscow's extradition requests for about two dozen people—mostly rebels—accused of committing serious crimes in Russia.

Shevardnadze told Putin that Georgia was prepared to fulfill its responsibilities to extradite those arrested, but warned that his nation would not veer from international norms and its own laws in making the decision. He also noted that the Chechen war was to blame for the situation in Pankisi, and accused the Russian military of "allowing the conflict to 'creep' into the territory of neighboring states." *AP*

Florida terror attack scare proves unfounded

MIAMI—Fears of a terrorist attack on the southeastern US state of Florida, which closed a key highway and led to the detention of three men of Middle Eastern descent for several hours, proved unfounded, authorities said Friday.

With the United States on a "high" state of alert since the eve of the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, remarks that a diner patron in Georgia heard of a possible explosives attack on Miami kicked a federal investigation into high gear, causing major traffic chaos.

There have been a series of scares in airports, universities and city centers in recent days, and credible threats of attacks on US targets abroad, but nothing in the United States.

The operation along the part of Interstate 75 known as "Alligator Alley," which runs east to west through the middle of Florida's Everglades wetlands, appeared to be winding down late Friday, after police found no explosives and detonated a seemingly innocuous package.

"It appears that there isn't a terrorist threat as it relates to any kind of detonation devices or anything like that in the car," said Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the brother of US President George W. Bush.

"But in this time of heightened vigilance, I think that it is important to show that this system works."

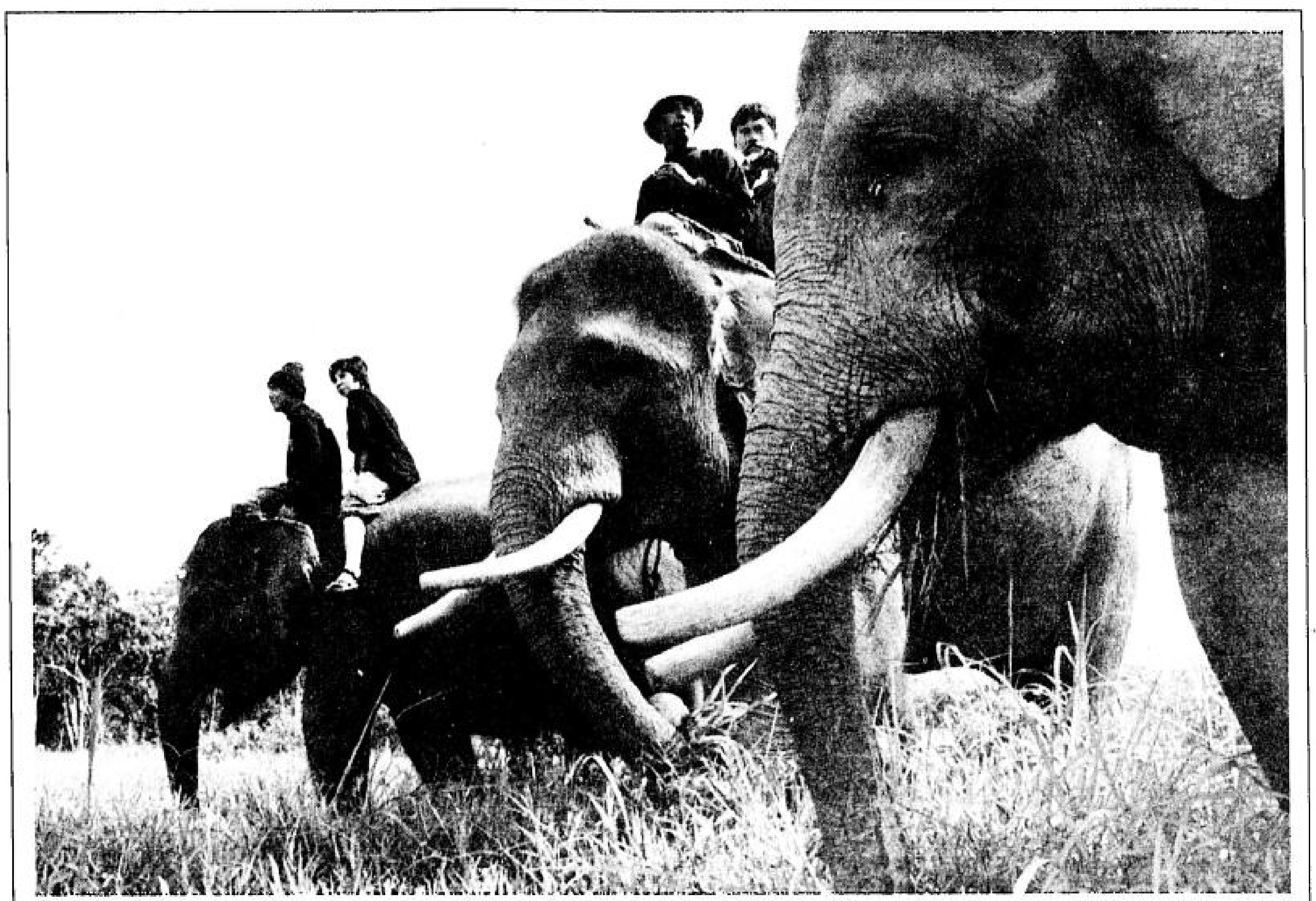
Two cars were isolated and three men detained in a van nearby for several hours while sniffer dogs and a remote controlled robot searched the vehicles. One suspect package was detonated and at one point, 130 km of the interstate was closed.

Collier County, Florida sheriff Don Hunter said the three men had not put up a struggle but noted they were uncooperative in that they "wished not to offer anything up." The men were not immediately identified.

"Nobody has labelled them as terrorists," said Federal Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Sarah Oates of three men apparently of Middle Eastern appearance who were overheard discussing discussing explosives on Wednesday evening.

"Nobody has been charged; nobody is in custody."

But a spokesperson for the family called the treatment of the three men, medical students who were traveling to Miami for a course, "inhumane." *AFP*



RANGERS ON PATROL

Rangers from the elephant patrol unit ride on amble through Gunung Leuser National Park in Langkat, some 200 km west of the capital city of North Sumatra, Medan, Sept. 12. The rangers use elephants to get around in the difficult terrain of the park on the look out for illegal logging. Indiscriminate logging has threatened many endangered species in the area including orangutans, Sumatran tigers and sun bears.

Karzai welcomes US shift on peacekeepers

AN AFGHAN child waits with her mother to buy bread at subsidized prices from a bakery run by widowed women set up to help vulnerable families in Kabul, Afghanistan.

GETTY IMAGES

UNITED NATIONS—Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Friday welcomed the apparent US change of heart to favor expanding Afghanistan's peacekeeping force, and said he wished the move had come "many months before."

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf, speaking separately to a New York audience of scholars and business leaders, agreed that central authority must be extended across Afghanistan, to plug-up "vacuums" being filled by warlords.

Foreign ministers from 21 nations, including US Secretary of State Colin Powell, met later Friday to discuss the international community's next steps in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

Afterward, Karzai told reporters he heard "positive remarks" at the session about an expansion of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, but "no concrete decision."

One who spoke positively was the UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, who told the ministers that extending ISAF's presence across Afghanistan would "make a crucial difference" in establishing security nationwide.

The 5,000-member ISAF, currently led by Turkey and incorporating military units from Germany, Britain and France, among others, was established last January, after the US-led war that toppled the Taliban government.

Since then, ISAF's operations have been confined to Kabul, the Afghan capital. Other Afghan areas remain insecure because of local armed groups, ordinary criminals, and possibly Taliban remnants, but US officials long opposed ISAF's expansion outside Kabul, usually saying they preferred to focus on training an Afghan army and police force to take over security duties. Without US support, the Europeans also grew cool to the expansion idea.

The Afghan army training has gone slowly, however, and American officials recently have spoken favorably of expanding the ISAF contingent.

Earlier this month, the deputy US defense secretary, Paul Wolfowitz, signaled the easing of the US position on bolstering the international force, saying the Bush administration is "considering the possibility that ISAF could play a role outside the capital if it could be enlarged."

Karzai said he believes it should be extended to three or four other Afghan cities. "If they had done it many months before" —expand the force—"we would have been far ahead in what we have undertaken," that is, in Afghan reconstruction.

"I hope the European countries will also see that it is helpful," Karzai said in answering questions after a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations meeting. *AP*

Failed mayoral candidate wants bribe money back

JAKARTA, Indonesia—A disgruntled candidate who lost a race for the post of governor in the Indonesian capital has demanded that members of the city council return bribes he paid them, media reports said Saturday.

Mahfudz Djaelani told reporters that 40 councilors in the 84-seat body had received a total of 200 million rupiah ($20,000) as a first installment for their votes. He had promised to pay the balance of the two billion rupiah ($200,000) bribe after Wednesday's council vote.

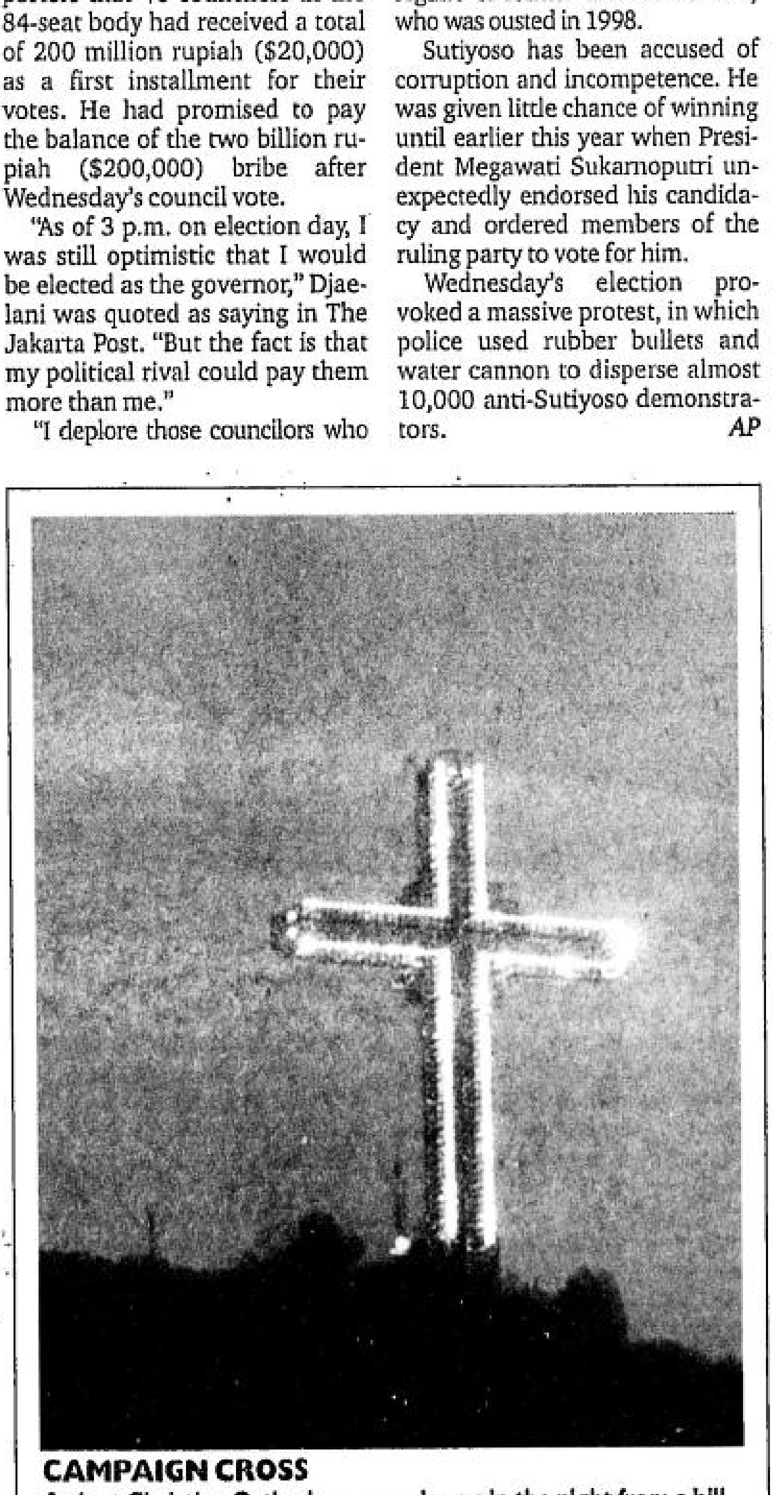
"As of 3 p.m. on election day, I was still optimistic that I would be elected as the governor," Djaelani was quoted as saying in The Jakarta Post. "But the fact is that my political rival could pay them more than me."

"I deplore those councilors who make statements saying there was no money involved. They are liars!"

The incumbent governor, Sutiyoso—who like many Indonesians uses only one name—was re-elected with 47 votes. Sutiyoso, a former army general accused of human rights abuses, is a holdover from the regime of former dictator Suharto, who was ousted in 1998.

Sutiyoso has been accused of corruption and incompetence. He was given little chance of winning until earlier this year when President Megawati Sukarnoputri unexpectedly endorsed his candidacy and ordered members of the ruling party to vote for him.

Wednesday's election provoked a massive protest, in which police used rubber bullets and water cannon to disperse almost 10,000 anti-Sutiyoso demonstrators. *AP*



CAMPAIGN CROSS

A giant Christian Orthodox cross gleams in the night from a hill above Skopje Sept. 9. As if hovering in mid-air, the recently erected Millennium Cross, the brainchild of ruling nationalist Macedonian party leaders, played an important role in a fierce campaign ahead of Sunday's vote, the first since last year's ethnic Albanian rebellion.

AP

Kashmir looks ahead warily at state polls

By Tim Sullivan

SOGAM, India—On Monday, they won't be voting in Sogam.

The people of this small town, deep in the heart of India's troubled state of Jammu-Kashmir, were supposed to be electing a new member to the regional legislature Monday.

But Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, a candidate who grew up here and became Kashmir's law minister, was machine-gunned to death by assassins as he spoke at a campaign rally a few days ago. So in this constituency, the election must be put off until his party can select someone new to run.

In Kashmir, this is what politics can be like. Candidates travel in armed convoys, voters are threatened with death, and some of the state's most influential leaders think there shouldn't be an election at all. But the vote remains deeply important, a crucial test of the future of the region that is the most pressing issue between India and Pakistan, South Asia's longtime, and nuclear-armed, rivals.

For the people of this lush, mountainous region, who have seen 13 years of violence that has left at least 60,000 people dead and an economy in ruins, sometimes it's just too much to bear.

"I don't care what happens" in the elections, said Sogam resident Bashir Ahmad, who came to pay his respects at Lone's house, where the body was laid out in the front yard, fanned by crying women. "We are already fed up."

Days before the state elections begin—they will be held on four days in various Kashmir constituencies between Monday and Oct. 8—it remains highly unclear whether many people will even vote at all.

Islamic militants, who want union with Muslim-dominated Pakistan or independence for Kashmir, the only majority Muslim state in largely Hindu India, denounce the elections as a sham. They have demanded a boycott, and have threatened voters and candidates with death if they participate. The killing of Lone, along with that of another candidate and dozens of political activists in recent weeks, is widely believed to be the work of militants.

And it is not just fear keeping people away. India has a history of manipulating elections in Kashmir, and there is deep suspicion here that the vote will, once again, be undemocratic.

The root of Kashmir's trouble lies in India's 1947 independence, when British India was divided into India and Pakistan. While most Kashmiris almost certainly would have chosen to go with Pakistan, the Hindu ruler of the princely state chose to link Kashmir with India. Since then, India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir, and just a few moths ago came to the brink of war again, this time as nuclear powers, after militant attacks on Indian targets. *AP*

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Hearings against Marcopper start

BOAC, Marinduque—Seventeen months after the residents of Mogpog, Marinduque filed a civil case against Marcopper-Placer Dome, the wheels of justice have now started to grind.

The Regional Trial Court of Marinduque on Tuesday conducted the first step to the expected long legal process: It heard the plaintiffs appeal for indigency status for a waiver of payment of legal fees.

The complainants were victims of devastation when the Maguilaguila siltation dam, which Marcopper built to filter the toxic silt from their mining operations in Sta. Cruz town, collapsed in 1993.

The collapse had resulted to the overflowing of the Mogpog River and the destruction of farm lands and houses. Many lives were also lost.

Rina Corpuz, of the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center-Kasama sa Kalikasan, an advocacy group and the Mogpog residents' legal counsel, said what they are facing is "just the beginning of a long, uphill climb."

But this does not deter them from pursuing the case, she added.

"The people are in a celebratory mood, because after almost ten years since the Maguilaguila dam spill and more than one year after the filing of the case they will finally have a day in court," she told the INQUIRER.

She said the victims should be "more assiduous in asserting their rights."

The civil case for damages aims to compel the Marcopper-Placer Dome to pay for moral, actual and exemplary damages to the affected residents.

The formal trial on the victim's charges will start after the hearing on indigency status, she said.

At least 58 of the original 61 complainants appeared before the court in a marathon hearing that started at 8:30 a.m. and ended mid-afternoon.

Corpuz said three have died since the case was filed.

The victims were both jubilant and uncertain. "Masaya kami na may hearing na dahil nawawalan na kami ng pag-asa. Pero alam din namin na matagal na salaysayin ito. Malalaking tao ang aming kalaban (We are happy because the hearing had begun. We almost lost our hope. We know that this would be a long process and we are facing strong and powerful people)," Mirasol Nabiong, 38, of Barangay Bocboc, Mogpoc, said.

Nabiong is among the residents whose homes were swept away by the 1993 flood. Nabiong and her 5-year-old child, Cherelynn, have developed skin rashes that later became wounds reportedly from crossing the toxic river. Many others in nearby Sitio Kabilang Ilog also developed the same unknown skin disease on their feet, which they believe they got from regularly crossing the poisoned river.

Councilor Leonor Nuñez from Barangay Magapua, and one of the plaintiffs, said their river has been rendered useless since the 1993 disaster.

The 1993 flooding has brought sticky and clayish soil in their river and its vicinities while the water near the dam itself has turned blue-green.

Already nine years after the tragedy, Marcopper-Placer Dome has not yet acknowledged responsibility in the incident. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Villagers suffer sulfur-like smell from river with mine tailings

IBA, Zambales—Villagers living near the destroyed spillway of an abandoned mine site in San Marcelino have complained of "sulfur acid-like smell" that they suspect to have come from river channels connected to the mine site's tailings dam.

Reports said the residents detected the unusual smell starting Thursday, particularly in the channels of Macolcol and Sto. Tomas rivers in San Narciso and San Marcelino towns.

The residents suspect the odor came from the Bayarong dam of the Dizon Copper and Silver Mines Inc. (DCSMI), whose spillway collapsed on Wednesday following continuous heavy rains in Zambales.

"Masangsang talaga at tila amoy ng sinindihang posporo (It smells bad, like the smell of a lighted matchstick)," said Edna Mayor, who lives at the bank of the Macolcol river in San Narciso.

Avoid fishing

Gov. Vicente Magsaysay asked residents in Castillejos, San Marcelino, San Felipe, San Antonio and San Narciso to avoid fishing and wading in the rivers where the dam water flows to avoid unnecessary infection.

He also asked farmers to stop their farm animals from bathing in the river.

The Zambales provincial board on Friday issued a resolution asking Environment Sec. Heherson Alvarez and Public Works Sec. Simeon Datumanong to implement the necessary interventions to prevent the collapse of the dam.

The board also asked officials of the DCSMI to appear before its session on Monday to discuss the problem.

In Pampanga, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources warned the San Marcelino residents to avoid eating fish caught in the Mapanuepe lake due to the presence of heavy metals in the lake.

Remedios Ongtangco, BFAR director in Central Luzon, issued the advisory as the spillway of the Bayarong dam continued to discharge water and mine wastes toward the lake.

She said a laboratory test result released last March showed that water and fish samples taken from the Tikis river, where the DCSMI dam drains out, tested positive for cadmium, lead, mercury and copper.

Heavy metals

Except for copper, which thrice exceeded the maximum tolerable value, she said the levels of the three other heavy metals detected in samples from the river were within "acceptable limits."

The Natural Sciences Research Institute of the University of the Philippines conducted the test. It was the latest analysis requested by BFAR.

In a letter to San Marcelino Mayor Lydia Rodriguez, Ongtangco said the metals would "continue to accumulate, considering the fact that the river system is part of the Dizon mines tailings pond."

The findings confirmed the assessment made in 1995 by biologist Macrina Zafaralla of the UP Los Baños. The assessment was made two years before the DCSMI and Benguet Corp. shut down its operations at the Kaline open pit mine.

In her study, Zafaralla said the "concentrations noted tend to indicate that heavy metals have already found their way in the food chain."

The study was made following complaints by residents about "strange taste and itchiness" from consuming fish caught in the lake.

"The heavy metals that are apparently in excessive amounts are copper and lead which had the same levels, along with cadmium, chromium and mercury," Zafaralla said of the algae and fish samples gathered by the San Marcelino municipal government.

However, she was not certain about the source of pollution.

Pinatubo

"The levels noted tend to suggest that there are sources of heavy metals which cannot be fully accounted for by the natural processes. Mine tailings, which find their way into the lake, may be one such source. The eruption of Mt. Pinatubo could be another," she said.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has yet to order a new analysis of water and fish samples from the lake.

Local officials said it is best for the residents to rely on the previous findings obtained by the BFAR.

The DCSMI, on the other hand, continued to allay fears of pollution from heavy metals.

Officials repeatedly said the company had not used or introduced mercury to the environment. They admitted though that mercury was inherently present in metallic deposits like copper and that this eventually degraded over time. ***Cesar Villa and Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Military overruns NPA camp in Pampanga

FORT MAGSAYSAY, Palayan City—Eight suspected communist rebels were killed Thursday when government soldiers overran a rebel camp in Floridablanca, Pampanga, military reports here said.

Reports said soldiers from the Army's 24th and 69th Infantry Battalions were conducting security operations when they clashed with some 30 suspected rebels manning a New People's Army camp in Barangay Makawat in Floridablanca.

The government soldiers recovered six high powered firearms, a portable generator, eight improvised wooden arrow rifles, and anti-government documents.

At Camp Dangwa in La Trinidad, Benguet, more communist rebels have been recruited in Cordillera this year, compared to the previous years, said Chief Supt, Victor Luga, newly installed Cordillera police director.

The military reported that the NPA in Cordillera recruited 300 members this year, or an increase of 11 percent, compared to last year.

Luga vowed to fight the rebels who are mostly operating in Abra, Kalinga and Mt. Province.

In Sorsogon, provincial police chief Sr. Supt. Arne de los Santos called for an all-out war against the NPA in the province after the killing of a police officer on Friday by five suspected NPA rebels armed with .45-caliber pistols in front of his house in Barangay Salvacion, Pilar, Sorsogon.

De los Santos identified the latest victim as SPO1 Jaime Barbacano who sustained multiple bullet wounds. Police recovered 11 spent shells in the crime area.

Barbacano is the fourth casualty in a series of killings allegedly perpetrated by the NPA in Sorsogon since Aug. 19. ***Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk, Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Emir Gamis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Priests up in arms over barricade

By Doris C. Bongcac
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CEBU CITY—Augustinian priests and Sto. Niño devotees are up in arms against Cebu City Mayor Tomas Osmeña for putting up a steel barricade close to the main entrance of the centuries old Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño.

"Satan putting up fences on the gates of heaven." This was an Augustinian priest's indirect description of Osmeña's decision to erect a steel fence one meter from the Basilica's south gate.

The Augustinians, who run the church, brought their grievances to the pulpit and took turns in hitting Osmeña's move, which was aimed at forcing street vendors to abandon Osmeña Blvd.

Fr. Isabelo Carluman, in a Mass he officiated at the Basilica on Friday, said: "St. Peter, the gatekeeper, threatened to sue Satan for sealing heaven's gates, but the devil just laughed. How can you sue me when all the best lawyers and judges are with me in hell? Satan said." Carluman, however, said the best judges of the situation are the people devoted to the Sto. Niño.

Fr. Medardo Durmiendo, in his morning Mass also on Friday, asked the people to pray for Mayor Osmeña "so his heart will be enlightened."

It is not yet clear if the Augustinians will resort to legal action against the mayor amid strong urging from Sto. Niño devotees to bring the matter to the court.

Fr. Ambrosio Galindes, head of the Order of St. Augustine (OSA) in Cebu could not be reached for comment. He was in Tagaytay City attending a retreat.

But "if (Galindes) is here, he said he would be the first to put himself on the gates to stop the fencing," said Linda Morillo, spokesperson for the priest.

Some of Osmeña's allies were concerned about the issue's effect on his public image and political career, but the mayor yesterday stood pat on his order. He told radio dyLA that his party mates might have "misunderstood" his stand.

But he said he was willing to dialogue with Basilica priests if they came up with a "valid" reason, aside from "threats" of supporting the recall election being sought by his enemies.

On Thursday night, employees from the Engineering Department buried the posts of the railings and cemented them.

Fr. Durmiendo tried to stop the employees and asked for documents supporting their action. But even that was not enough to stop the now semipermanent structure blocking the main entrance to the Basilica.

Spokesperson Morillo said the Augustinians were firm in saying that they were not informed by Osmeña of his plan to block the Basilica entrance.

Osmeña ordered the fencing of the Basilica Wednesday evening, hoping to solve the traffic problem in Osmeña Blvd. and force the Sto. Niño vendors to evacuate the area.

Osmeña said fencing the Basilica's gate was a way of managing pedestrians. "Many can not understand that the sidewalk is behind the walls (of the Basilica)."

"I don't think the mayor should make a decision on what is popular, but for the good of the city," he stressed.

He said his decision to fence the Basilica gate resulted to "better" traffic flow along Osmeña Boulevard.

Osmeña said he would only reconsider his decision if his allies "give me a reason other than political consideration."

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Elderly faces twilight years alone

By Radzini Oledan
Davao City

NO one visits me anymore. Maybe, they're busy with work, 80-year-old Nanay Zeny told us during a visit with social workers at the Co Sogian Home for the Aged in Cabantian, Buhangin District.

ERNESTO Luna at the garden of the Co Sogian house in Davao City. BING GONZALES

Early this year, Nanay Zeny entered the facility operated by the City Social Services and Development Office (CSSDO). Two of her children are working overseas, one. has already migrated while her youngest daughter Nelly, who has a family of her own in Manila, looked after her for some time.

"I had no choice but to agree being sent here. I don't want to disturb them," she said.

Nanay Zeny is among the growing number of abandoned and neglected older persons in Southern Mindanao.

Mila Segovia, section head of the Social Technology Unit of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, points out that the traditional family support system has weakened due to factors such as the economic crisis, urbanization and industrialization.

Statistics show that the country's elderly population has been increasing substantially from less than a million in 1948 to 3.7 million in 1995 or almost 5.4 percent of the total population of 68 million. It is projected to reach the 10 percent mark of the population by year 2020.

"Most of the current generation of older persons are poor and marginalized since many of them did not have much education, savings, and economic and social security," Segovia said.

Although many continue to work when they are able to, there are still those who are unprepared for old age.

Southern Mindanao alone has a total population of 5.12 million and the older persons aging 60 and above account to 261,528 (133,469 male and 128,059 female). They comprise 5.10 percent of the total population.

Most of them are found in the rural areas and are mainly engaged in farm work. Those in the city are engaged in business and selling.

Older persons from the middle and lower income families in the urban areas serve as caregivers to their own families especially to their grandchildren, says city social services and development officer Marilyn Agonia.

The DSWD said about 85 percent of the older persons with ages 60 to 75 years old are still working and earning a living as head of the family. Thirteen percent of those whose ages range from 75 years old up are dependent on their families, relatives or neighbors. About 200 are found in centers and institutions in the region.

Advocates are pushing for the establishment of a center for senior citizens where older persons can meet to avail of social, recreational and livelihood opportunities and provide them a venue to interact with other senior citizens. This, on top of other residential facilities managed and operated by the DSWD such as the Home for the Aged in Tagum City with a capacity of 80 to 100, and an extension farm lot and facility in Monkayo, Compostela Valley for the mobile older person.

Pursuant to RA 7432 or the Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and For Other Purposes, local governments in the region established the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs under the chief executive. However, the Office still has to rise above the level of token activities such as the holding of Mutya ng Senior Citizens and other dancing and musical competitions.

Government agencies and senior citizens federations still have to improve their monitoring system for the compliance of the 20 percent senior citizen's discount in transportation, medicine and amusement rates.

More and more senior citizens like Nanay Zeny are placed in oblivion, their contribution forgotten, their rights violated, finding themselves alone in the remaining years of their lives.

But the continued vigilance and action from society will go a long way in ensuring that they are able to fully enjoy the remaining years of their lives and be productive as they can be. After all, they have once fully contributed their time, talents and strength in shaping the society that we have today.

BING GONZALES

A LONELY Ricardo Cuenca inside the Co Sogian house in Davao City.

MACARAYA

Maranao teacher's golden rule version

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Iligan City

MARANAO educator and family man, Batua Macaraya, 82, sees no contradiction whenever he prays the Lord's Prayer comparing its message to the first Surah of the Koran.

When he made a call for "brotherhood" for all men, it was made at a time of uncertainty in the fragile co-existence between Muslims and Christians in Mindanao and at a time when two Christian world powers are convincing the rest of the world to quash Muslim Iraq for its reported terroristic activities.

Paradoxically, Macaraya believes in "force" as a way of keeping peace. In the heyday of Marawi City's Dansalan Junior College, Macaraya as a teacher and a disciplinarian was known to display his .45-cal. pistol on the teacher's table as he went about the class lessons in Social science, Chemistry and Geometry. But, as his former student Miguel Valdez swears, Macaraya never harmed anyone in the man's lifetime pursuit of teaching students of all faiths.

Macaraya's life took a colorful turn when he did the next best thing: become a teacher "in spite of myself" after failing to get a scholarship to take up law and for the love of a Christian woman, Engracia, over whom he gave up his dream of becoming a medical doctor at the University of the Philippines in Diliman. Somehow these dreams were fulfilled, though vicariously, by four of his five children, Joel, Bachi and Allan, who are lawyers and Emma, who is a pediatrician.

Agreeing to meet with this writer one afternoon at his home in Celdran Village to reminisce the old days, Macaraya was his usual calm self, speaking in deliberate tones and in formal English, the language he learned as a boy from his American teachers in the early 1900s during the American campaign in Lanao.

Threat

Macaraya happened to be at his uncle's, then the Mayor of Marantao town, when the Americans came "threatening" Maranaos if they didn't enroll their children in the American schools in Marawi City. His uncle "ordered" him to enlist in order to fill the quota for Maranao boys and girls in what were pioneering coed schools in an Islamized area. Slaves of Maranao royal families came too because at the outset, and like their counterparts in Sulu, the Maranao royals had reservations about sending their children to schools run by foreigners espousing the Christian faith.

From the Camp Keithley Elementary School where Macaraya reserves praises for his Filipino teachers who had finished only fifth and sixth grades, he enrolled in Lanao High School as a "pensionado" of the Lanao provincial government. Later, he was sent on a scholarship by American missionaries in Lanao to study at Silliman University (SU) where he finished a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a Master's degree in Education.

It didn't take long for the American schools in Marawi City to become known for their excellent teaching of the 3 Rs and vocational courses so that, Macaraya said, the royals became jealous of the progress made by their slaves-turned-professionals and they, too, began sending their own children to these schools.

Most reputable

Among the American schools established in this part of Mindanao, the Lanao High School was the most reputable. More Maranao girls attended it armed with as much enthusiasm for learning as the Maranao boys, an eye-opener for those who thought Maranao girls were discriminated against getting an education before the war. Other students from the rest of the Lanao area, Misamis, Cagayan de Oro and Iligan also came to Marawi City to study, Marawi being "safe at the time," according to Macaraya.

Aside from quality education, Macaraya emphasized that the Americans instilled in everyone the values of honesty, frugality and dignity of labor resorting to physical punishment to reinforce such teachings.

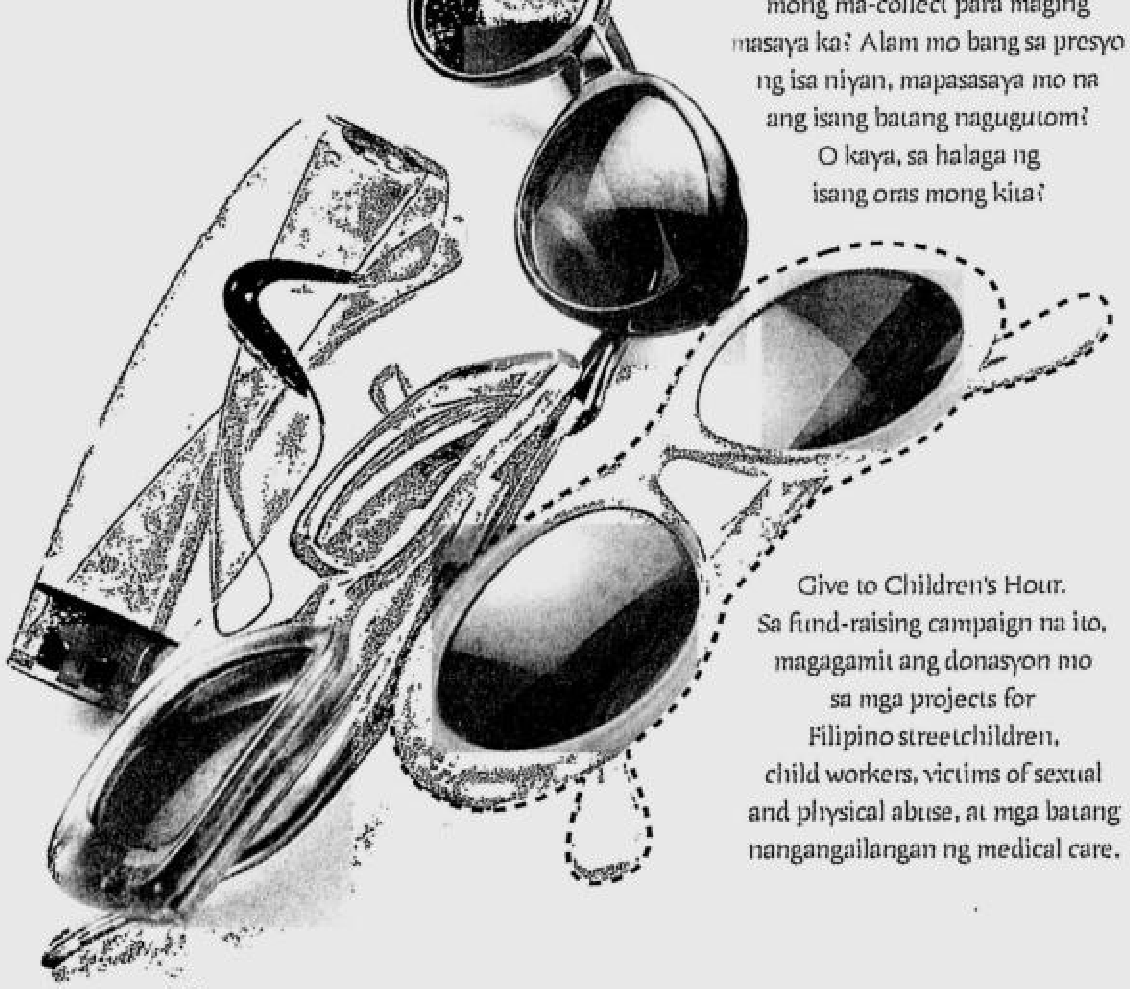
Macaraya remembers well that the boys who played truant were made to stand under the sun for hours or they get whipped with rattan or they were rapped with a ruler for any misdemeanor and for turning in sloppy work, all of those being chalked up as part of "school."

But the old man's eyes lighted up when asked who among his teachers influenced him the most, enumerating and reverently pronouncing their names: Dr. Frank Laubach, the first American educator who introduced an excerpt of the Maranao epic, Darangen to non-Maranaos; Mr. Spencer, a Thomasite whose wife Pearl was the high school principal, a Mr. Dietrich, and, later, at SU, his history teacher, Robert B. Silliman, a distant relative of the American philanthropist Horace Brinsmade Silliman who gave $10,000 in 1898 to the New York Presbyterian Board for it to found an industrial school for boys in the Philippines.

Macaraya, however, talked at length about the medical doctor and Maranao-speaking Laubach who loved the Maranaos in spite of religious and cultural differences. After attending the Columbia University Teacher College in the US, Laubach came to Lanao along with teacher-graduates from SU to help in the province's "Each one, Teach one" literacy program, which was started in India and Africa.

Of all his teachers, it was Laubach who inspired Macaraya to love his Maranao language and to view other cultures in the context of his own Maranao culture. Macaraya showed this by collecting and transcribing Maranao folk literature and by compiling and editing with Howard Mckaughan, a Maranao dictionary and with his wife Engracia, the Lexicon of Classical Literary Maranao Words and Phrases. These efforts earned for Macaraya, the respect of his peers and his alma mater's recognition when he was awarded the Outstanding Sillimanian Award for Ethnic Studies last year.

But it was as a teacher that Macaraya made his mark following his own golden rule: "If I can make someone happy, I'll be happy too."



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RP backtracks on Iraq, withdraws offer to US

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consider allowing the use of its territory and air space for an attack on Iraq."

Malacañang said it continued to hope for a "peaceful and diplomatic" solution to the US-Iraq conflict. But it stressed that its stance against terrorism was unchanged.

"Our determination not to participate in an attack on Iraq, however, should not be seen or misinterpreted in any way as a diminution of our firm commitment to fight terrorism," it said, adding:

"We continue to fight terrorism within the Philippines and have been increasing our cooperation in fighting terrorism particularly in our region."

Again without any formal request, Ms Macapagal was one of the first to declare support for the US-led war against terrorism launched after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, which the United States blamed on the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden.

Ople's recommendation

Bunye said the President issued the policy statement based on the recommendation of Ople, who is in New York.

It was also Ople who recommended last Wednesday the immediate evacuation of the 121 Filipinos in Iraq, which the President approved and subsequently ordered.

But of the 121, only 10 took the long bus ride to neighboring Jordan.

Victoriano Lecaros, spokesperson of the Department of Foreign Affairs, said the Filipinos in Iraq could not be forced to leave if they did not want to.

In the policy statement, Malacañang said "contingency measures" that had been put in place were "adequate to meet the needs of the Filipinos in case hostilities break out over there."

"This includes immediate evacuation if needed," it said.

It also said the Philippines had three months worth of oil stocks in case oil supplies were affected by any US-led attack on Iraq.

Roy Cimatu, the newly retired Armed Forces chief of staff, heads a crisis committee that the President formed to deal with problems related to the US-Iraq conflict.

Malacañang yesterday said Cimatu was also working on finding alternative oil supplies in case oil exports from the Middle East were for an even longer period.

Circumspection

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said the administration should be circumspect in defining its stand on the US-Iraq conflict because of the possible tremendous impact on Filipinos in the Middle East and on the Philippines' oil supply.

He said it would be "prudent" for the administration to wait for a UN resolution on the matter before formulating a stand.

Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda agreed that any resort to force against Iraq should have the authority of the UN.

She pointed out that Filipinos were bound to suffer should war break out in the Middle East, and stressed the government policy of renouncing war as an instrument of national policy and adopting the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land.

"Our failure to move for a peaceful solution to the Iraq problem could exacerbate [illegible] own local Muslim insurgency," Legarda added. "We must avoid adding fuel to the fires of rebellion in our own country." *With a report from Cynthia D. Balana*

MONUMENT to the Senate anti-bases vote rises at the former Subic Bay Naval Base, not a freeport zone. TONETTE OREJAS

SALONGA

AQUINO

ESTRADA

ENRILE

TAÑADA

MACEDA

Bases vote: A milestone remembered

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On a rainy day in September 1991, former President Corazon Aquino tried to rally the same masses behind ratification of the treaty.

Several of the senators who saw Ms Aquino in her yellow raincoat walk into the office of then Senate President Jovito Salonga said they couldn't forget the day.

"It was a sight to behold. She was drenched from the rain," said Sen. John Osmeña, one of 11 senators who voted yes, for ratification of the treaty.

"It was really pressure. I couldn't define pressure any better," said Rene Saguisag, a member of the Magnificent 12.

"That was improper pressure," said Ernesto Maceda, another Magnificent 12 senator. "She was trying to impose presidential will on a co-equal branch of government."

Sealed

But the treaty's fate had been sealed days before Ms Aquino led a rally at the Luneta and marched in bad weather to sway the Senate into voting for ratification.

"It was done. By that time, we had already made our decision," said Orlando Mercado, also one of the 12 senators who rejected the treaty.

The treaty had a long title--"Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Security Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America."

But it meant only one thing for the senators who voted against it—continued American military presence in the Philippines.

"I look at this treaty once more . . . But when we read the text closely and analyze its implications, it does not strike me as a treaty of friendship, it is a treaty of surrender; it is not a treaty of cooperation, it is a treaty of capitulation; it is not a treaty of security, it is a treaty of greater insecurity," said Salonga in his speech during the vote on the treaty.

Even several senators who voted for ratification acknowledged that the treaty's main objective was to keep US bases in Clark and Subic.

"I have always felt American military presence is something that should be barely tolerated," said Heherson Alvarez in a speech he delivered to explain his vote in favor of ratification. "But in the new light of a radically changed world, there is a need to think anew beyond ideology and break away from the isms of the past."

Those who voted for ratification warned unemployment, investor flight, diminished US aid and a weakened Philippine economy would result from the Americans scuttling their military bases.

The senators who voted against ratification said the single biggest reason the treaty should be rejected consists of the 1987 Constitution, which shunned the presence of foreign troops on Philippine soil.

The question of whether the treaty violated the Constitution was settled by the 12-11 vote on Sept. 16, 1991 against its ratification.

Saguisag said the decision to reject the treaty became tougher to reverse when Estrada and Juan Ponce Enrile jumped into the anti-bases camp. "Erap took care of the masses," he said. "Enrile delivered the rightist constituency."

Worst hit

If there were casualties of the anti-bases vote, the worst hit could have been Salonga and Tañada.

Months after the vote, Salonga ran for president and lost miserably. Imelda Marcos, who also ran for president in the 1992 elections, had more votes than Salonga.

Tañada ran for reelection and barely squeaked in, landing No. 21 in a field of 24.

Agapito Aquino, also a member of the Magnificent 12, landed No. 22.

Osmeña said although there had been a campaign to drive all the anti-bases senators into political oblivion, it was Salonga who suffered the heaviest toll. He said the former Senate president's political career plunged because he rode on the bases issue in the campaign for the presidency.

But Salonga said his political career was not principally defined by his anti-bases stand and that he had not tied the treaty's rejection with his campaign for the presidency.

"All the poll surveys at the time of the rejection (of the treaty) showed that more than 80 percent of the people were for the retention of the bases," said Salonga in a written reply to questions sent by the INQUIRER.

"I have been warned by well-meaning friends that my stand on this treaty might hurt my chances of becoming president. No matter, that is an insignificant consequence," he wrote. "In fact, my financial backers withdrew their pledges due to two factors—one, the lack of financial resources and two, the fact that many Filipinos at that time were in favor of the bases."

"I lost miserably in the 1992 elections despite being No. 1 in three senatorial elections—1965, 1971 and 1987."

Different story

Strangely, it was a different story for Maceda, Mercado and Estrada.

In the 1992 Senate elections, Maceda and Mercado landed in the top five. In the same year, Estrada won as vice president in a landslide.

"It didn't affect me," said Estrada. "In fact, I won as president by the biggest margin ever."

Estrada's popularity also didn't suffer much amid criticisms that he had reversed his anti-bases stand when, as president, he supported the ratification of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), which had been described as another bases treaty.

Estrada recalled that Cardinal Sin sent Bishop Quevedo to Malacañang to remind him that his anti-bases position as senator was inconsistent with his support for the VFA. "I told him they were two different things," said Estrada. "Those are permanent bases while these are visiting forces."

Osmeña said the bases issue, however, was not so great a determining factor in the 1992 elections. "The impeachment trial (of Estrada) had a more decisive impact," he said.

He said he didn't believe the bases issue was a major concern of Filipinos at all. "It did not really touch the soul of the Filipino," he said. "It affected really only Imperial Manila, the academe, the press."

Mercado said if there was a question that was answered by the Sept. 16, 1991 vote, it was that "the day of permanent bases are over." For Saguisag, the treaty's rejection proved "that we could stand on our own."

The unity that bound those who voted to reject the treaty (Salonga, Maceda, Mercado, Saguisag, Enrile, Estrada, Aquino, Tañada, Teofisto Guingona, Sotero Laurel, Aquilino Pimentel Jr. and Victor Ziga) did not last long and the Magnifent 12 sought to pursue their own ways. Two of those who voted in favor of the treaty (Mamintal Tamano and Neptali Gonzales Sr.) had died.

Those who voted for ratification (Alvarez, Edgardo Angara, Ernesto Herrera, Jose Lina Jr., Osmeña, Vicente Paterno, Santanina Rasul, Alberto Romulo and Leticia Ramos Shahani) had also gone different ways.

Eleven years after, the country still looks for a milestone, a spiritual cornerstone, and rarely considers the bases vote as one.

This Sept. 11 story has a happy ending

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paper. The biggest was 32" x 14." Finished frames cost anywhere from $45 to $1,000.

Custom framing, Ana said, is physically demanding: "The finished product is art, but actually, everything behind it is math."

Ana admitted that due to the volume of her work, she was only focused on getting the job done. It was only much later when she realized the historical significance of the Pentagon project.

"Then I became emotional," she recalled, "because the Philippines was once America's territory, and Filipinos have a deep reservoir of affection and goodwill for America."

Ana is a trained designer with a Fine Arts degree from the University of Sto. Tomas. She also graduated as an advertising major from La Consolacion College in Bacolod City. She's a divorced mother of a US navy man stationed in California and a daughter who is a political science student in Bacolod City.

She came to the United States in 1986. For seven years, she worked with several well-known framers and galleries. She also worked as store manager for six years.

Before landing the Pentagon job, Ana had decided to start her own business.

Good work

"After the Sept. 11 attacks, a lot of people brought badly damaged memorabilia, such as recognition coins and certificates, to Ana for framing," said Fort Myer's MWR marketing director Debbie Lewis. "The items are very hard to get and are priceless to the servicemen and servicewomen who own them."

"Ana did a marvelous job of framing coins with certificates, as well as other memorabilia," she added.

Now that she's the boss, Ana conducts custom framing and do-it-yourself framing classes once a month. For a $55-fee, students get materials and instructions on matting, glass cutting and tool use.

ANA Lopez

Some of her students are high-ranking officials. Maj. Sam Russ of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was at the gallery to make a commemorative plaque for a departing colleague.

When Ana took over as contract manager, she had to take out a $15,000 loan from the Enterprise Development Group (EDG). The loan was immediately approved because Ana had skills and experience, a good credit record and a co-signer.

Pentagram reporter Michael Norris, who had written about Ana, told the INQUIRER, "I can see that she will make a go of it. First of all, she's essentially a part of the folks who have been providing this service. She's also obviously a people person. She's very good at drawing people to her shop, at creating a 'buzz.'"

EDG technical advisor Brenda Williams said Ana has the advantage of a built-in publicity machine. Part of Ana's contract with Fort Myer's MWR allows her free advertising to the military community. Hope Gallery has been featured in the MWR newsletter At Ease and Pentagram. It is also featured in several Ft. Myer army base brochures and fliers.

Ana looks at her work as a mission to nurture the spirit and promote positive human values.

"That's why I called it Hope Gallery," she said.

Gloria's photo ops ...

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Just how did the magazine get the President to pose like that?

No sweat, said San Diego, who admitted to being pleasantly surprised that Ms Macapagal gamely posed for the photo shoot.

The shoot, as well as an exclusive interview, was done inside the President's office in Malacañang on Aug. 7, Romulo's birthday, San Diego told the INQUIRER.

The "concept" was proposed by the magazine to the President two months earlier, San Diego said.

"But we did not tell her that she was going to wear the glasses," he said.

"Being our anniversary issue, we wanted our cover to be something more special and one that had never been done before. It is also our 'power issue' and we wanted to have the most powerful people in the land," San Diego explained.

"We added the 'Men in Black' look so that it would look more contemporary and everyone could relate to it ... We also wanted to make the President more accessible and show her 'fun' side as well," he said.

If Hollywood's MIB is the savior of the universe, the President's power team is the protector of the Philippines, San Diego said.

"She liked the idea," he recalled.

The photo shoot had to be moved many times due to pressing matters of the state.

The President's dress, a black Joe Salazar outfit, was chosen earlier and her Cabinet officials were asked to come in their dark suits and black ties. The editors brought the sunglasses and distributed them to the Cabinet officials.

When Ms Macapagal was ready for the pictorial, the Cabinet members asked her where her black shades were. She said she was not given one and when the editors showed her a pair, "she readily took it and put it on," San Diego recalled.

Renowned photographer Wig Tysmans took the photos.

The magazine had featured the first daughters (Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos, Jo Ramos, Jackie Ejercito-Lopez and Luli Macapagal-Arroyo) of four Philippine presidents in its premier issue. It has also featured other prominent personalities in the country, including Sen. Loren Legarda who posed with four men, three of them bare chested, for last month's issue.

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Delasin fights back, 3 behind

By Jong Arcano

FIGHTING to end a losing streak, Fil-Am Dorothy Delasin made a strong charge yesterday with a two-under-par 70 to stay three strokes the leaders in the opening round of the Safeway Classic in Portland, Oregon.

Delasin, the 2000 Rookie of the Year who won a leg in each of her last two seasons, was among 10 others in 21st in the revival of the tournament that was cancelled last year in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Juli Inkster flubbed a 4-foot par putt on the 18th for a 67 at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club. She was tied with Donna Andrews, Rosie Jones and Karrie Webb.

Six others shot 4-under 68s.

Delasin, who will join the US team in next week's Solheim Cup as an alternate, bucked an early double-bogey on the fifth with five birdies before she reeled back on a last-hole bogey.

But Jenny Rosales was in danger of missing a trip to the Samsung World Championship.

Rosales, currently in 29th spot with close to $300,000 in winnings, shot a 73 for 66th.

If she gets cut, she could miss the World tilt composed of the year's Top 30 players in winnings.

Meanwhile, Danny Zarate, the only Filipino survivor of the second round cut in the US$500,000 Volvo China Open, slowed down with a two-over-par 74 and slipped to a share of 23rd place. Zarate had earlier scored rounds of 69 and 71 at the Shanghai Silport Golf Club.

The other Filipino bets Gerald Rosales, Mars Pucay, Cassius Casas and Robert Pactolerin all failed to make the cut.

Abiera's 41 powers Southwoods triumph

MANILA Southwoods leaned on Beachie Abiera to win Class A honors at the resumption of the sixth leg of the Women's Golf Association of the Philippines (WGAP) Circuit recently at the Manila Golf Club.

Abiera's tournament-high 41 points proved to be the key for the Southwoods ladies' conquest of its two rivals as Southwoods amassed 151 under the Molave scoring system to win the centerpiece division by five points.

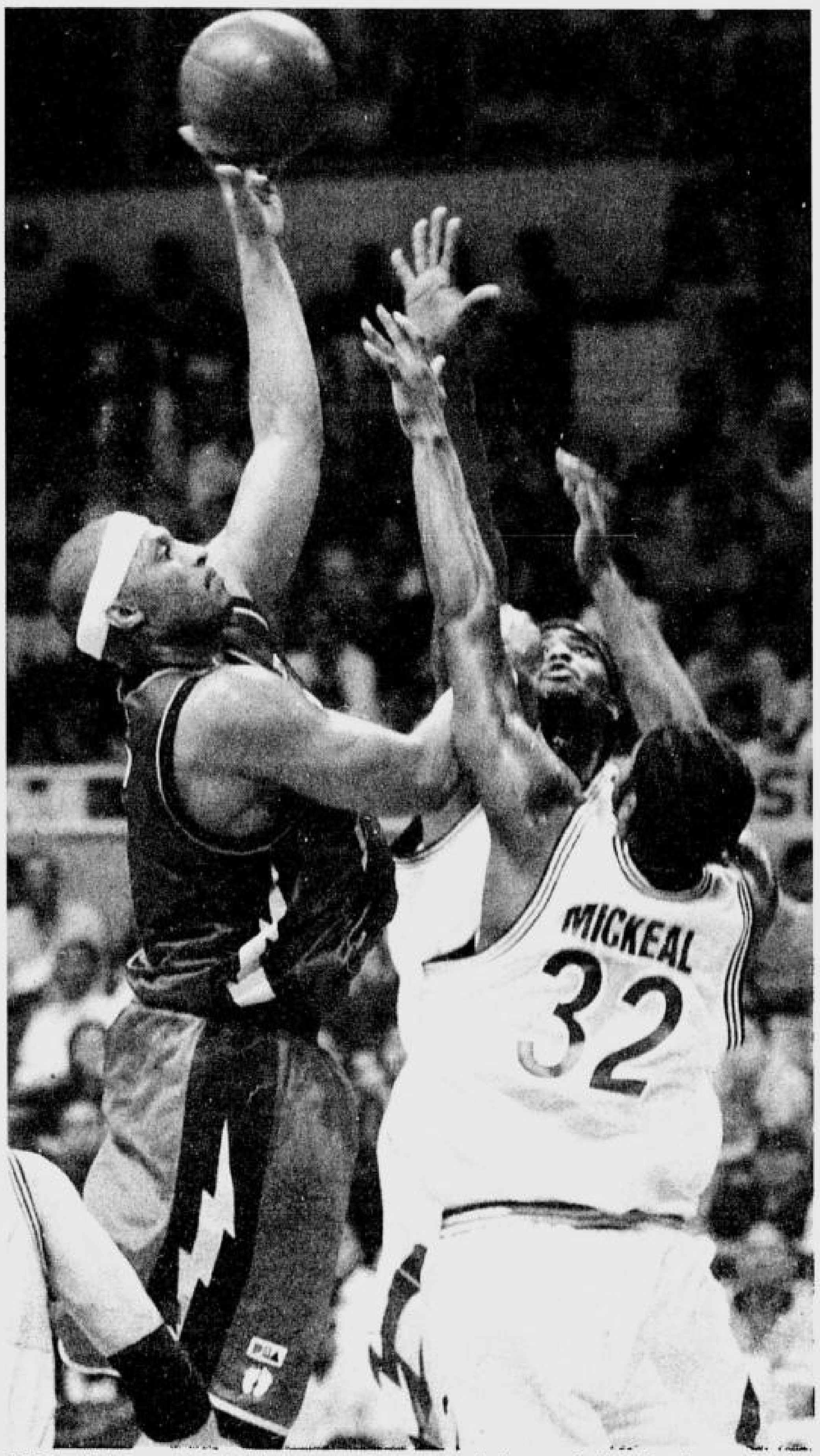
Wack Wack, getting 40 points from Aileen Litonjua, finished second at 146 while Sta. Elena could only land third despite its well-balanced scoring.

Abiera's teammates responded to her explosive game by turning in big numbers. National training pool member Lora Roberto and Debbie Lopez fired similar 37s each and Sandy Squillantini chipped in 36.

Sta. Elena's Class B team carried the fight for their frontliners by topping their division in convincing fashion and Villamor pulled off a close victory in Class C. *Jong Arcano*

PIVOTAL GAME 5

Thunder, Pals clash anew



RED Bull's Davonn Harp (left) soars over the outstretched arms of Talk N Text imports Pete Mickeal (No. 32) and Jerald Honeycutt during Game 4 of their Finals' series Friday night. Red Bull won, 89-81, to level the series at 2-2.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

GAME TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
5:30 p.m.–Red Bull vs Talk N Text

Game 1–Talk N Text d. Red Bull, 102-100
Game 2–Red Bull d. Talk N Text, 96-86
Game 3–Talk N Text d. Red Bull, 80-71
Game 4–Red Bull d. Talk N Text, 89-81

By June Navarro

TALK N Text is hungry for its first-ever title. Batang Red Bull is dying to retain its Commissioner's Cup crown.

Whoever wants the title more will be known today when the Phone Pals and the Thunder start all over again in Game 5 of the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup Finals at the Araneta Coliseum.

The best-of-seven championship showdown was shortened to a race-to-two affair after the Thunder tied the series at 2-2 with a vengeful 89-81 win in Game 4 Friday night.

"Everything now will depend on just how much we want the title. They say Talk N Text wants the title but we will prove that we want it more than they do," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao.

Guaio said Sean Lampley gave the Thunder a new lease in life for filling the vacuum left by Tony Lang, who was replaced allegedly for feigning illness and half-hearted plays in the first three games.

"It's going to be a new life for us. We're back in the series and if we could give Sean (Lampley) a day's rest and familiarize him with our offense, then he'll be tougher in Game 5," said Guiao.

The Thunder were relieved when Lampley readily plunged into action against the Phone Pals despite entering the game just hours after arriving in Manila from Miami, Florida.

"That relief was expressed in the game itself. We were more fluid, more intense and the spirit just came back," said Guiao.

Best player of the conference Davonn Harp, Julius Nwosu, Willie Miller and Junthy Valenzuela typified those characteristics as they blended well with Lampley, fresh from a stint in the Miami Heat training camp.

"We got the right imports, the right locals. With what I saw, the guys really want to win the championship and I don't think they'll let it slip away," said Guiao, who is seeking his fourth title in six PBA Finals appearances.

On the other side of the court, the Phone Pals were frustrated for failing to turn the tables on the Thunder, who led by as many as 21 points in the third quarter.

Donbel Belano and Gilbert Demape were primarily responsible for that big comeback but the Thunder just showed enough resiliency to stop the Phone Pals in the end.

"I told you, the series will end in a Game 7. We have a chance but we can't relax because they are good enough to come out and go through the motions of winning if and when they want to," said Talk N Text coach Bill Bayno.

Nothing new there

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

NO big deal.

Tony Lang was sent home because he was not liked anymore. It's been that way before, it's that way today, it's going to be that way tomorrow. Nothing changes that much in the sports milieu. Athletes, like bananas, are but commodities. Perishable items. Dispensable.

But Tony Lang was not your ordinary Red Bull Thunder? He was a star?

Yeah. Still is.

Precisely the reason why he was axed. Better to throw away a star rather than suspect him of throwing away a game. Or games. Mental tortures can be cured. With chilling swiftness. In cold blood even.

This is the championship, kiddo, when everything is on the line. You can't afford to be color-blind. Black is black and white is white. No gray area here. You have to be decisive. Ruthless if need be.

Sports is both liking and disliking.

I like one who can give me championships. I dislike one who gives me cheap stunts.

Tony Lang has given Red Bull one crown last year. I raise a glass to that.

Tony Lang has brought Red Bull to the playoffs this year. I raise a glass to that.

But Tony Lang has acted suspiciously in Game 1 and Game 3 of the ongoing Red Bull-Talk N Text title series. At least that was the reading of Red Bull officials—the real Tony Lang wasn't around in those two games. They had one basis: Red Bull lost Games 1 and 3.

They could be wrong but can we blame them? Who are we to say their reading is incorrect?

Owners, if not coaches, know better than us. They are rarely wrong. And if they are wrong at all, they will be the last to admit it.

Comes now Tony Lang saying he was stabbed in the back, that his sacking before the start of Game 4 was done in poor taste.

But of course.

Like a badly served Porterhouse steak, Tony Lang's removal wasn't nicely done. On second thought, though, depends on whom you are talking to.

Since when is the act of firing an employee considered nice? That's like saying there's such a thing as a nice murder.

If Tony Lang knows his business, he should shut up. His firing was but the opposite meaning of his contract with Red Bull: hiring. If you get hired you can get fired.

Red Bull won Game 4 with a new import as a replacement for Tony Lang.

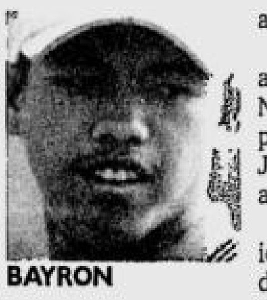
In reality, that's immaterial. The Thunder might win again today, who knows? But win or lose, it doesn't really matter.

Red Bull may have done something unpopular-cruel even to Tony Lang and his fans. But then, how many times has such a thing happened?

You lose confidence on someone, that's it. He's going to be dropped like a hot potato. That's what we mean by protecting our interest, not the interest of another whose interest has become suspect.

Tell me: Is there anything new there?

Bayron coasts along to top Riviera golf



BAYRON

JAY Bayron never gave his rivals the chance to threaten even for just a hole, coasting to a seven-stroke victory with a one-over-par 72 on Friday in the inaugural Riviera Amateur Golf Championship.

Bayron ably protected his overnight lead of four strokes with his consistent form as the former national player completed a wire-to-wire victory at the tough Langer course of the Riviera Golf and Country Club.

Bayron claimed his biggest amateur title since winning the National Caddies Tourney, posting a 291 total for 72 holes. JR Tanpinco was second at 298 after a 75.

"With the big success of the Riviera amateur despite the late withdrawal of the National Team for the Asian Games, we believe it will now become a permanent fixture on the club's Amateur Calendar," said Riviera General Manager John Blanch.

Korean Lee Seong Ki, scoring a 76, settled for third at 303, Dave Hernandez (77) settled for fourth at 310 and Jun Bernie (79), co leader with Bayron in the first round, ended up fifth at 314.

Eric Escalona (Class A) and Andy Vasquez (Seniors) were the other 36 hole winners in the event sponsored by San Miguel Corp., Adidas, Taylormade and Orica Explosives Phils., which attracted 120 entries.

Kidapawan hosts National Milo Marathon 7th leg

KIDAPAWAN, a city nestled in the beautiful province of North Cotabato, will host today the seventh leg of the 26th National Milo Marathon.

Previous regional elimination races were held in Davao, Roxas, Metro Manila, Lipa, Tacloban and Tuguegarao.

Entertainment personalities Jake Roxas and Sarah Christophers are among today's participants.

Milo executive Jackby Jaime said this is the second time the National Milo Marathon is holding a regional leg in Kidapawan City.

"We held the first Kidapawan leg of the National Milo Marathon in 1999. In line with our goal to continue expanding the Milo Marathon in Mindanao and to promote running among students and youth, we are holding this year three different legs in the region, including Kidapawan," Jaime said.

This year's National Milo Marathon is cosponsored by Bayview Park Hotel, Adidas Philippines, Cebu Pacific, Ford Philippines and the Department of Tourism.

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Volleyball: US vs Italy

BERLIN—The United States set up a clash with underdog Italy in the final of the women's Volleyball World Championships, defeating superpower Russia in a five-set thriller Friday and extending its unbeaten streak to 10 matches. Italy reached its first semifinal at a major international volleyball tournament by toppling title favorite China 3-1 in the other semifinal. The Americans, the only undefeated team left at the tournament after nine straight wins, overcame the towering Russians 21-25, 25-23, 25-20, 21-25, 15-8. The side had already defeated Russia in a five-set nail-biter in the opening round. **AP**

Indians rout Twins

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Indians, in no rush to surrender their division title, stalled Minnesota's eventual clinching again with a 12-5 rout of the Twins on Friday night. Terry Mulholland took a shutout into the seventh inning, and Jim Thome and Karim Garcia hit three-run homers for the defending AL Central champions, who blasted Eric Milton (13-9) for nine runs in the first two innings. Travis Fryman homered for the Indians, who would prefer if the Twins wrapped up their championship elsewhere. **AP**

Hoya-Vargas bout on

HOYA

LAS VEGAS—Oscar De La Hoya believes he still has some fight left in him. He also sees Fernando Vargas as the perfect opponent to bring it out. "I ask myself all the time why am I still fighting. What do I have to prove?" De La Hoya said. "The hunger for me is there to fight these kind of guys." De La Hoya will need all that hunger when he returns to the ring for the first time in 15 months Saturday night to fight 24-year-old Vargas in a scheduled 12-round fight that has much more at stake than just two two 154-pound (69.3-kilogram) titles. **AP**

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2; Cleveland 12, Minnesota 5; Detroit 4, Kansas City 2 (10 innings); Baltimore 8, Boston 3; Chi White Sox 13, NY Yankees 2; Oakland 5, Seattle 0; Anaheim 3, Texas 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Florida 13, Atlanta 3; Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 6; Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3; Montreal 11, NY Mets 6; St. Louis 3, Houston 2 (10 innings); Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4; Milwaukee 8, Arizona 4; San Francisco 10, San Diego 3.

Turkoglu King anew

SACRAMENTO, California—Thr Sacramento Kings exercised their contrac[illegible]ion on forward Hedo Turkoglu for the 2003-04 season on Thursday. Turkoglu averaged 10.1 points and 4.5 rebounds in 80 games last season as the Kings' second-leading scorer among reserves. **AP**

SPORTSTV

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

MOTOR SPORTS: 2002 F1 Qualifying - Italian Grand Prix at 12 noon (r), Race Day at 7 p.m. on Star Sports

B[illegible]ING: Friday Night [illegible]ghts at 9:30 p.m. on ESPN

GOLF: LPGA Bank of Montreal Canadian Women's Open at 1 p.m. on ESPN

Senior PGA Allianz Championship at 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on Star Sports

BILLIARDS: 2002 International Challenge of Champions at 8 p.m. on ESPN

POOL: World Pool Masters 2001 Finals at 7 p.m. (r) on ESPN

SOCCER: English Premier Football League at 8 a.m. (r) and 11 p.m. on ESPN

Lhuillier, Padala dispute crown

CEBU CITY—Sister squads M. Lhuillier and ML Kuarta Padala breezed past separate rivals on Friday to set up an all-Cebu finals in the Cebu Basketball League at the New Cebu Coliseum.

Coming off a sorry loss to ML Kuarta on Thursday, the Jewelers bounced back with a 107-85 rout of North Cotabato Braves while the Cash Forwarders defeated Montaña Pawnshop with relative ease, 84-73.

M. Lhuillier showed too much class against the off-form Braves, who never had the chance to pose a threat in the entire game.

The Jewelers led by as much as 22 points twice, the last at 103-81, with one minute and 29 seconds to go.

The best the Braves could muster was a 3-2 early lead and a 12-all deadlock.

Marata's jumper gave M. Lhuillier the upperhand and it was an all-Jewelers show from thereon.

Underscoring a balanced offensive, five Jewelers scored in double figures led by Aldrin Ocanada, who had 19 points, and Bong Marata with 19. Leading the North Cotabato's losing cause was former Cebu Gem Rich[illegible] Caliao who had 3[illegible] points.

DYNASTY DERAILED

Eagles stop Archers, finally

Games Today *(Makati Coliseum)*
2 p.m.–UP vs NU
4 p.m.–UST vs UE

By Dennis U. Eroa

LA SALLE'S academy of winning learned a shocking, painful truth last night, courtesy of its archrival Ateneo.

In a clash that simmered with emotions, Ateneo dashed La Salle's hope for a rare 14-game sweep with a 76-63 victory before the usual overflow crowd at the Araneta Coliseum.

But more than the prestige that it gave Ateneo, the win bolstered the Eagles' bid for the twice-to-beat advantage in the Final Four.

The victory created a triple tie for third among University of the East, Ateneo and University of Sto. Tomas.

The one with the best quotient will clinch second spot, a position that carries the twice-to-beat incentive.

The format calls for No. 1 needing only to beat No. 4 to enter the finals. No. 2 needs only to beat No. 3 once to earn a finals berth.

Slotman Enrico Villanueva had a five-point diet, but that hardly had an impact on Ateneo as his teammates, notably Wesley Gonzales, Cris Quimpo, Rich Alvarez, Andrew Cruz, Jec Chia and Larry Fonacier filled up the slack.

Their intensity finally burst the bubble that the Archers built via a 13-0 run before last night's game.

Ateneo, which finished its elimination campaign with a 9-5, win-loss card, had a flat start, going scoreless for more than five minutes in the first quarter. But once the Eagles recovered their bearings, there was no stopping them.

With a wonderful ball movement backing up a well-oiled assault, the Eagles, starring Gonzales, raced to a 22-15 lead in the first quarter.

That trend continued up to the end.

La Salle, which looked tired after that 79-78 squeaker over the University of the Philippines on Thursday, made repeated attempts to come back, only to be driven back each time by Ateneo's gallant stand.

After trailing by 10, 46-56, La Salle's supporters clad in green-and-white prayed hard for a miracle.

It never came.

The Archers compounded their woes when they went into early penalty, 8:03 remaining in the fourth period.

Two free throws by Cruz gave Ateneo a 64-46 lead. After that, Ateneo spent the rest of the way answering every La Salle shot fired.

The 5-foot-5 Quimpo personified the Eagles' determination when he even forced the 6-foot-6 Carlo Sharma into a jumpball, drawing cheers from the crowd, 2:45 left.

Although La Salle won the toss as expected, it was clear that Ateneo has regained its poise as it avenged its 60-70 first round setback to the Archers.

"This feels like a championship. It feels so good because behind us is a very great basketball tradition," said Ateneo coach Joel Banal. "The glory belongs to God."

Coach Franz Pumaren offered no excuses for the defeat. He didn't say that his charges were tired (Cortez was pulled out with 3:30 left). He said Ateneo played well and La Salle was just a shadow of its old, deadly self.

"You didn't witness the true La Salle basketball tonight," Pumaren said.

Since the Archers still went on to gain a twice-to-beat advantage despite the loss, Pumaren said his charges will go into the final four with renewed confidence.

Their 13-1 record made them the runaway leader after the eliminations.

In the first game, Far Eastern University drubbed Adamson, 84-78, for fifth place. Gerard Jones bannered the Tamaraws' attack with 20 points.

FEU finished with a 6-8, win-loss card, while Adamson slipped to 3-11.

First Game:

FEU 84–Jones 20, Sinco 14, Santos 13, Miranda 10, Rizada 8, Cutler 8, Razon 2, Isip 2, Garcia 0, Catli 0.

ADAMSON 78–Tiongco 16, Mangulabnan 14, Abadia 13, Catabay 9, Tagupa 8, Ferrer 7, Hate 5, Mamaclay 2, Rolan 2, Venal 0, Gandarosa 0, Alonzo 0.

Quarters: 17-18, 43-40, 70-55, 84-78.

Second Game:

ATENEO 76–Gonzales 17, Fonacier 15, Alvarez 12, Chia 10, Cruz 10, Villanueva 5, Elmido 3, Quimpo 3, Intal 0, Escalano 0, Tadeo 0, Benitez 0.

LA SALLE 63–Cardona 18, Cortez 17, Manalo 8, Wilson 7, Sta. Maria 4, Ramos 3, Sharma 2, Cabatu 3, Yeo 1, Vainio 0, Tang 0.

Quarterscores: 22-15; 36-34; 56-46; 76-63.

MIKE Cortez (No. 11) of La Salle finds himself well covered by Ateneo's Rich Alvarez (10) after the Archer barges into Eagle Jec Chia during the La Salle-Ateneo UAAP game yesterday at the jampacked Araneta Coliseum. Ateneo won, 76-63, to snap La Salle's winning streak at 13.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

All eyes on Diktador in ₱2.7-M Philracom races today

UNDEFEATED colt Diktador leads an impressive cast of two-year-olds set to see action in four "Juvenile" stakes races in today's 14-race schedule at the Philippine Racing Club's Santa Ana Park.

No less than 30 of the country's most promising two-year-old gallopers will be seeing action in the 2002 Philracom's P2.7-million racing extravaganza.

Featured are the "Explosive" and "Cool Star" Stakes, and the Hopeful Stakes Races.

Unscathed in four starts, Diktador will try to extend his winning run to five in the "Explosive Stakes" and in the process secure his lock at this year's two-year-old division title.

Coming off a victory in last month's opening "Bishop Blue Stakes," the star-bound colt by Treasure Cay (USA) out of Flying Angel will face a formidable challenge from seven other upstarts led by chief rival High Octane and recent Sweepstake Race winner Savvy Lad.

Also in the running for the 1,450-meter "Explosive Stakes" are recent winners Arrivederci, Go Ichi and Success Story, as well as Reign Supreme and Brute Force.

Jolet seeks sixth

JOLET Jao's record-breaking success in this year's Shell Advance National Super Bike Championship is already a foregone conclusion. The only thing that keeps motorsport fans guessing right now is how big will be his winning margin.

A mainstay of Shell Advance-Rolex Engineering Racing Team, Jao tries to pull farther away today from his closest rivals—and closer to his sixth title in seven years—at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas.

The multi-awarded campaigner from Candaba, Pampanga, is the only winner in motocross, scooter and road racing.

'Petchie'

THE PDI Sports section lost a dear colleague in Rey Fetalvero.

Rey, or "Petchie" to most of us, spent the best of his 16 years in the PDI as a Sports production specialist. He passed away last Thursday morning. He would have turned 40 on Nov. 16.

"*Tamang tama ako sa Sports kasi mahilig ako dyan*," Rey once said.

We've all known Rey as the jolly, energetic fellow who never missed joining any INQUIRER basketball or bowling tournament. In fact, he was a key member of the Sports Team which won this year's inter-department basketball meet.

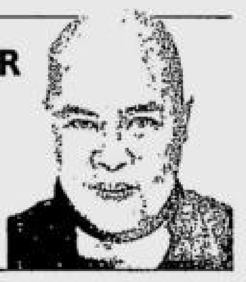
Rey was also a tennis buff who mirrored the moves of his idol, Andre Agassi, each time he traded strokes with his buddies from Proj. 6. He, too, was a *karerista*, a big fan of Wind Blown, Magical Mark, Dandansoy, Batangas Entry and even Ravang and Impeccable.

I've known Rey since our Evening Post/Metro Manila Times days. Gabbie, the youngest of his three lovely daughters (the others are Angeline and Lianne), is my *inaanak*.

Goodbye, *pare*. We'll miss you.

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva



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Race 4–1. Twister 2. Joaqi 3. Roadshow
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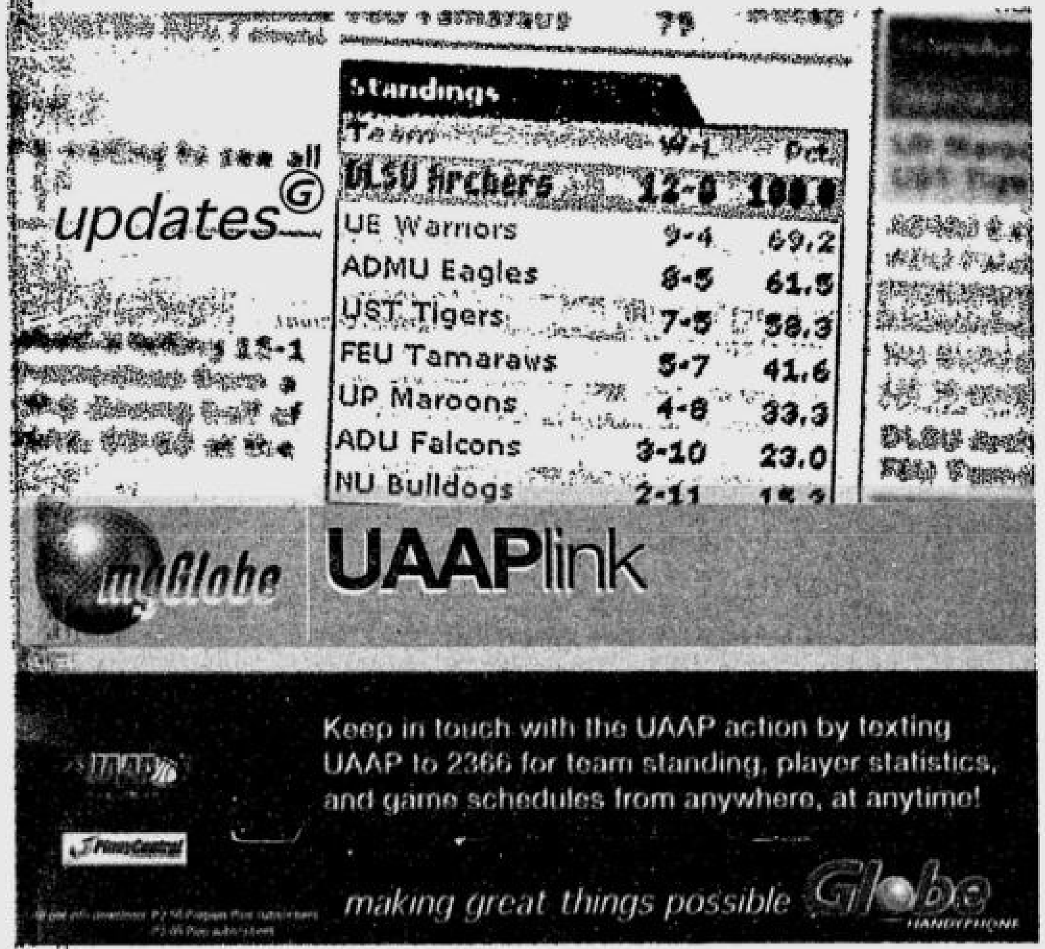

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ADMU Eagles	8-5	61.5
UST Tigers	7-5	58.3
FEU Tamaraws	5-7	41.6
UP Maroons	4-8	33.3
ADU Falcons	3-10	23.0
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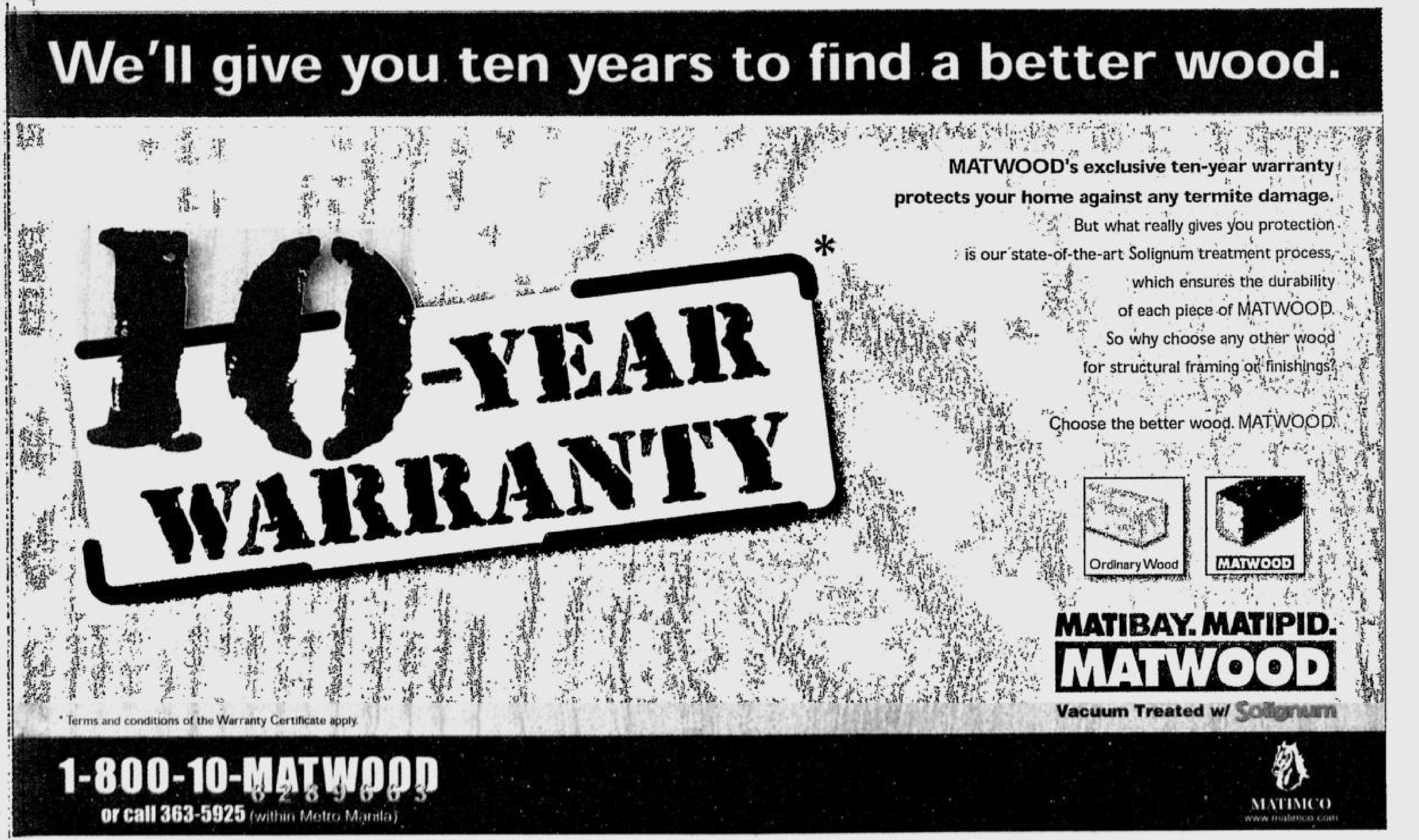

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ASIAN GAMES BOOSTER

UP cheerleaders make Busan trip

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CHEERLEADERS from the University of the Philippines captured the top prize in the cheerleading competitions in honor of the Busan-bound athletes last Friday at the Philsports.

Aside from the top purse of P100,000, the Maroons also gained the right to send 16 of their cheerleaders to the 35-man official cheerleading squad which will join Team Philippines in the 14th Asian Games.

"We are just putting finishing touches in our preparation for the Asian Games," said Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain, who led the pep rally that coincided with the cheering competition.

Buhain added that the presence of an organized cheering squad "just might spell the difference between winning and losing" in Busan, where he predicted the country could win at least seven gold medals.

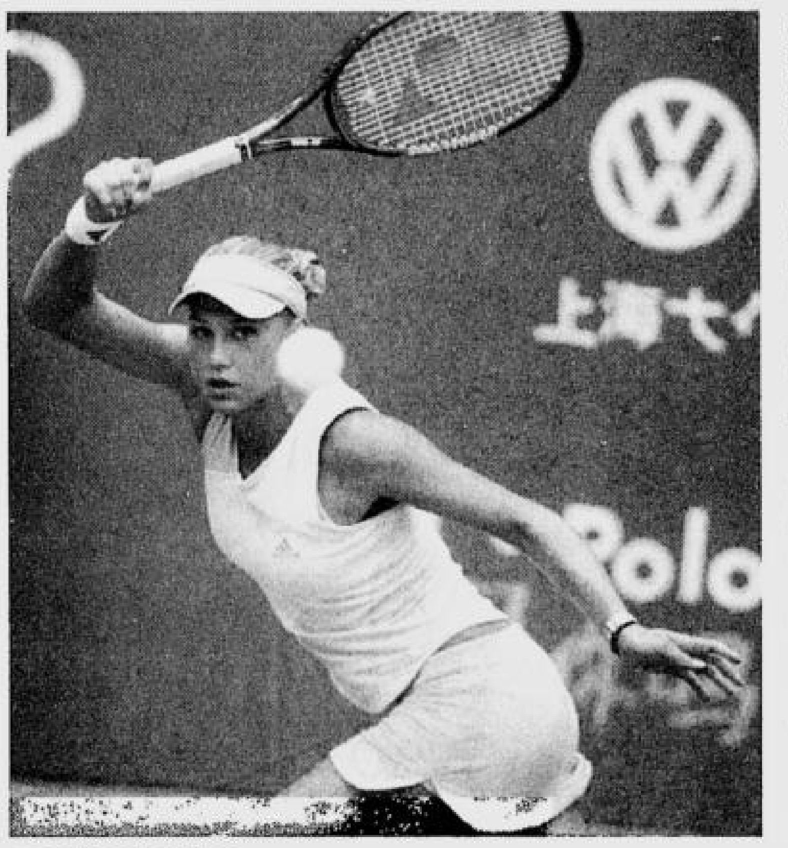
University of Santo Tomas finished second, while Mapua wound up third, winning P75,000 and P50,000, respectively. The top three schools also win Samsung television units each.

The 16 UP cheerleaders going to Busan are Joy Anne Roy, Barbara Aguirre, Lizette dela Cruz, Ronalele del Cruz, Paula dela llana, Pamela Mendoza, Suyin Chua, Melissa Garcia, Catherine Mendoza, Ida Marie Bunuan, James Freire, Jonathan Cagas, Jerry Kirby, Nino Antonio, Girard Zabat and Jeffrey Garcia.

Completing the team are Kathlene Tan Gaw, Hannah Roa, Cherilyn Ngo, April Lontok, Kriska Floro, Marie Aimee Bulay, Jackelyn Cabrera, Ginno Joaquin and Reuben Ostrea of La Salle, Julie Anne Lopez, Fatima Hermosa, Karla Mae Valencia, Mark Lopez, Jean Patrick Bagaporo and England Alano of UST, Roma Anmor Licas, Darwin Capawan and Giles Magsino of Mapua and Jefferson Joson of St. Jude College.

Shouldering the cost of their plane fare and accommodation is Samsung Philippines, whose president Sam Yeol Eom also graced the event.

Mamiit gains Brazil Open semis



ANNA IN FINAL
Russian star Anna Kournikova hits a return against Japanese Ai Sugiyama during their semifinal match in the Shanghai Open on Saturday. Kournikova, seeded fourth, won, 6-4, 7-5, to reach the final against top-seeded Israeli Anna Smashnova, 6-1, 6-1 conqueror of Indonesian Angelique Widjaja. AP

COSTA DO SAUIPE, Brazil—Cecil Mamiit knocked off No. 5 seed Agustin Calleri of Argentina, 7-6 (3), 6-4, to advance to the semifinals of the $1.2 million Brazil Open tennis tournament.

Mamiit, who had raised eyebrows by eliminating US Open semifinalist Sjeng Schalken in the second round, used a solid baseline game Friday to reach the semifinal round for the first time in three years.

"I didn't play well in the summer, so I decided to take off two weeks during the US Open and not even think about tennis," the American said. "Luckily it paid off."

Mamiit, 128 in the ATP ranking, faces Argentina's Guillermo Coria in Saturday's semifinal. Coria, who hasn't lost a set in the tournament, upset No. 7 seed Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4 on Friday.

No. 6 seed Gustavo Kuerten didn't disappoint the hometown crowd and downed Argentina's Gaston Etlis, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

"I discovered that life starts at 26," joked the Brazilian, who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday. "This is the happiest day of the year."

Kuerten admitted he struggled against Etlis in the first set, then took over as the Argentine visibly tired in the second.

"He served always close to the line and made perfect volleys," Kuerten said. "But I was aggressive, and when I took the lead I really opened up."

Kuerten's adversary in the semifinals will be Paraguay's Ramon Delgado, who downed No. 8 seed Andre Sa of Brazil, 6-4, 7-5. *AP*

Zoleta, De Castro advance

TOP seed Bien Zoleta of Mary Hills College-Lucena and Ivy de Castro of Miriam whipped their respective foes yesterday to enter the girls' 16-under finals of the Philta Classic 5 age-group tournament at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Zoleta ripped fourth seed Kristel Samala, 6-2, 6-1, while second seed Ivy de Castro clipped No. 3 Catherine Flores, 6-4, 6-2.

Also gaining championship berths were fourth Nikkie Manalo, who beat No. 2 Sarah Jane Lim, 6-0, 6-3, in the girls' 12-under class and No. 1 Gerard Michael Ngo of Lourdes School-Mandaluyong, who rallied past No. 3 Patrick Arevalo, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the boys division.

In the unisex 10-under category, top seed Sarah Jane Lim outplayed No. 4 Johnwill Baldonado, 6-1, 6-3 to advance in the finals against second seed Akio Sy, a 6-2, 6-2 winner over No. 5 Juan Gabriel Pena.

Meanwhile, No. 2 Nestor Celestino Jr. of San Beda outclassed Johnwill Baldonado, 6-1, 6-3 to advance in the boys' 16-under final.

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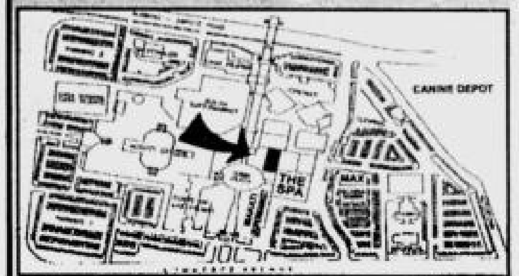

Rubillar battles Vorapin

WBC champion Ernesto Rubillar stakes his international minimum weight crown against No. 15 contender Phalangchai Sor Vorapin of Thailand on Wednesday at the Casino Filipino Amphitheater in Parañaque City.

Philippine lightflyweight champion Jovan Presbitero, a protégé of Wakee Salud, and contender Roy Doliguez dispute the vacant WBO Asia Pacific title in the other featured fight.

Dubbed as "Matira Matibay II," the Rubillar-Vorapin title fight is another presentation of Elorde International Productions in cooperation with Pagcor, PSCO, Family Rubbing Alcohol, Family Toothpaste, Lotus Garden Hotel, National Sports Grill and Elorde Sports Center.

The show starts at 6 p.m.

'Fistorama' set today

SAN MIGUEL Beer's "Fistorama" today features a 6-round bout between superbantamweights Jundel Yabut and Romualdo Mahinay and a 4-rounder between featherweights Sherwin Compleza and Elmer Sumalpong. The fights were held recently at the Mandaue City Sports Complex.

BIKE FOR LIFE

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September is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This commemoration aims to recognize the fact that cancer does not only strike adults; Cancer also hurts and kills our most cherished treasure, our most valuable resource —— our children. Sadly, this reality is not yet in our national consciousness and list of priorities. It is not even in our health calendars.

Everyday, at least 8 Filipino kids, some as young as a few months old, die of cancer. Many deaths are due to delayed detection, misdiagnosis, inadequate treatment and/or unaffordable costs of medication and treatment. Most of our regional and provincial hospitals still do not have pediatric oncologists or beds/wards for children with cancer. Cancer medication is not in the list of priority drugs for parallel importation. Health professionals are not adequately oriented on signs and symptoms of childhood cancer. There is no information campaign nor health promotion activity directed to increasing awareness on childhood cancers.

We urge all of you to do what you can to change these conditions. We urge all of you to write or call your local executives, health officials, congressmen and senators, the President, so that they can take the necessary steps to launch a concerted fight against childhood cancer, prioritize importation of low cost cancer medicines and provide adequate information on childhood cancers.

If diagnosed early and treated appropriately, cancer can still be beaten. In other countries, treatment for childhood cancer is considered a modern day medical miracle. Out of ten diagnosed with cancer, only one or two children die. In the Philippines, the survival rate of children with cancer is much, much lower. More children die from cancer than adults. One death is too many.

Cancer pushes innocent children, some still unable to talk or walk, to the frontlines of a long and painful battle against a powerful and devastating enemy. Treatment for childhood cancer is often aggressive and expensive – a combination of chemotheraphy, radiation or surgery, and can last from one to several years, depending on the type of cancer. At a time when their bodies and minds are still growing and developing, at a time when they should be carefree and enjoying life, playing, imagining and dreaming about the future, children with cancer are constantly in and out of hospitals, battling for their lives, struggling with extreme pain, uncertain if they have a future. Their families likewise bear the emotional anguish of seeing their child suffer as well as having to face the unexpected burden of medical bills. Children with cancer and their families need your help. Working together, you can HELP KIDS BEAT CANCER. You can give kids with cancer and their families hope and strength in the face of helplessness and despair. You can establish support programs in your churches, schools and communities. You can reach out to those still fighting cancer or those who have lost a child to cancer. You can contribute to the treatment of a child with cancer. You can sponsor special events for children with cancer.

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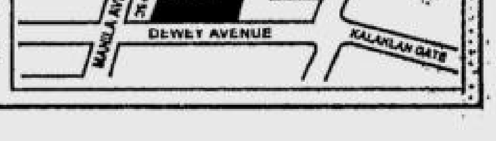

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FERNANDO'S HIDEAWAY
IF MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando can have his way, all sidewalks in Metro Manila will be as clean, free of obstructions, well paved and quiet as Manila Mayor Lito Atienza's reworking of the area along the Manila Bay breakwater. The two leaders, however, don't have the same ideas on the use of sidewalks. JESS YUSON

'The battle has just begun'

By Leila B. Salaverria and Tina Santos

SIDEWALK vendors and other urban poor will continue to hold protest rallies against Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando's campaign against sidewalk obstructions, and they will go to court only as a last resort.

"The battle has just begun," Don Pangan of the Kongreso ng Pagkakaisa ng Maralitang Lungsod said yesterday. "Fernando should not hasten it by asking us to go to court. Let's just wait and see. There is still much for us to do."

The urban poor group was reacting to Fernando's declaration on Friday when he said illegal sidewalk vendors displaced by his campaign should either "go to court or shut up."

Pangan said urban poor groups have more rallies planned, including a city-wide rally on Sept. 17 when the vendors would ask mayors to support vendors instead of the MMDA's campaign.

Most Metro Manila mayors have already said they support Fernando's campaign to clear the sidewalks of all impediment.

Fernando has defended his campaign from detractors, saying he is only implementing the law. He cited a Supreme Court decision which declared that sidewalks should be beyond the commerce of man. A good portion of Metro Manila residents support his campaign, he said.

Pangan said yesterday that most of Fernando's supporters come from the middle class only. He said Fernando's actions seem to be triggering a class war.

"It's only the middle class who support him," Pangan said. "These are the people who don't buy from vendors because they can afford to shop in malls. What about the poor who can only afford to buy from sidewalk vendors?"

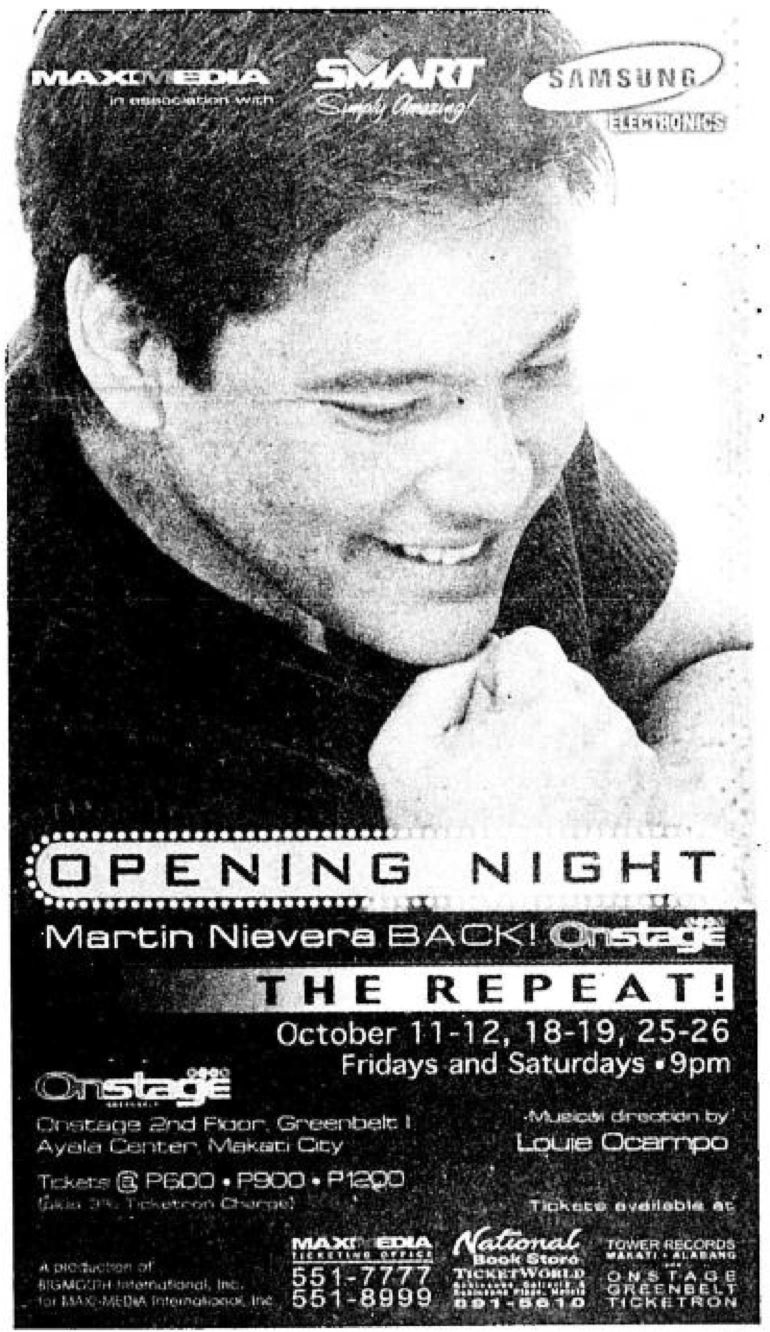
In Caloocan City, Councilor Nathanael Santiago, who is also secretary general of the militant Bayan Muna, said his group is preparing to file administrative and criminal charges against Fernando.

"We will sue him for violation of Executive Order No. 452 and for burning the goods of sidewalk vendors," Santiago said. "Maybe he has the right to confiscate the vendors' merchandise but to burn is another story."

Santiago said EO 452 is "very clear" in stating that there should be no forcible eviction of vendors and no demolition of their stalls without consultation with the vendors themselves and without an alternative workplace for them.

Fernando had earlier dismissed the EO as "illegal."

"Fernando has no right to declare the EO illegal because it is presumed to be valid unless nullified by the court," Santiago responded. "He is the one who is committing an illegal act. He should be the one to go to court to seek to nullify the EO."



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Tinga to Cayetano: Let's help each other

By Leila B. Salaverria

TINGA

TAGUIG Mayor Sigfrido Tinga yesterday said he would not heed Taguig Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano's call for him to resign and that he is unfazed by the the petition for a recall election that has been filed against him.

"Para naman kaming mga bata (We would look childish)," Tinga said when asked to comment on Cayetano's statement that they both should resign.

Tinga pointed out that they were elected by the people of Taguig and they should not take lightly their duty to serve the people.

"We were elected to help the people, not pull down each other," the mayor said. "Our duties should not be taken lightly. It's not something he should say."

He proposed that he and Cayetano work together instead of throwing brickbats at each other.

"Dapat kaming magtulungan (We should help each other)," he said.

He said the residents of Taguig are the most affected by the opposition's petition for a recall election.

"It's the Taguig people who will suffer, not me," Tinga told the INQUIRER. "What is happening now is not pretty. People will think that all that happens in Taguig is politicking. It leaves a bad taste in the mouth."

The municipality of Taguig has been caught in the word war between Cayetano and Tinga, which led to the opposition's filing of a petition for a recall election last Friday.

The filing was led by Cayetano, with whom Tinga has been trading barbs over who should get the credit for local infrastructure projects.

Members of the Preparatory Recall Assembly who signed the petition said they have lost confidence in Tinga's administration.

Tinga has been accused of, among other, hiring about 3,000 employees, including some of his relatives. The salaries of these employees amount to P15 million a month, a big chunk of Taguig's budget, the petitioners said.

Tinga also said yesterday that he is confident the petition against him will "go nowhere."

"Magtrabaho na lang tayo (Let's just get to work)," he said. "(The petition) is useless. It will go nowhere."

Therapists in your own backyard

By Mario Cornejo,
Contributor

SOME things you just have to applaud.

And when a group of young professionals go out of their way to help their communities, a standing ovation is in order.

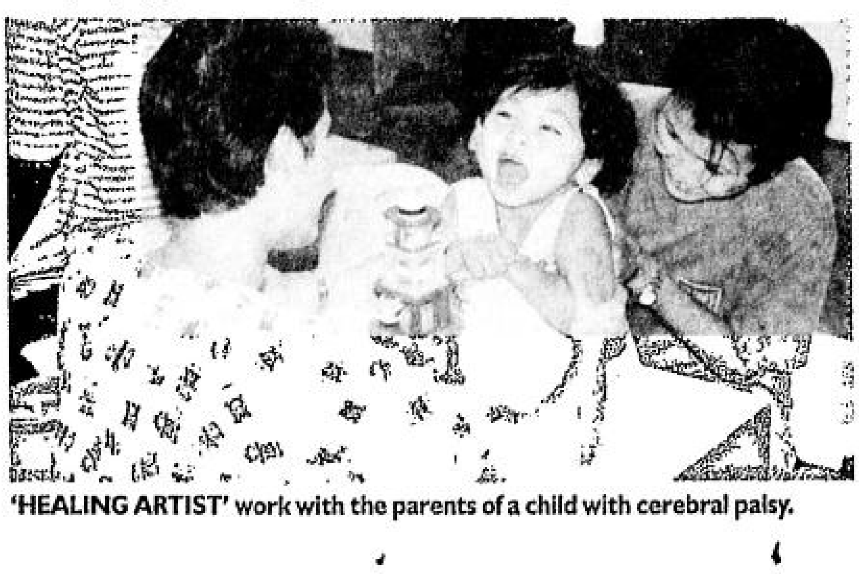
The graduates of University of the Philippines Manila College of Allied Medical Professions (UP-Camp) are holding nationwide free clinics on Oct. 6 and 20. These are occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech therapists, all donating two days of their lives and weeks of headaches and preparations, for absolutely free. The name of the program? Thera-Free: Libreng Therapy *Para sa Pilipino.*

See what I said about the standing ovation thing? Go ahead. I'll give you time.

The therapists involved are heroes in more ways than one. First of all, they're still in this country. The most common perception of people who study these forms of therapy is that their main goal is to leave the country to work abroad as soon as they graduate. Shake the dean's hand, grab the diploma and rush to the airport. Few actually practice in this country.

But that may not be all their fault, which brings us to number two on the "Reasons why these people are heroes" list. Speech, physical and occupational therapy goes largely unappreciated in the Philippines. While we all respect doctors, these practitioners of the healing arts are not always held in the same esteem. Although they may not be saving lives per se, they toil all day long to improve the quality of life. My typical visit to my doctor is five minutes of Q & A followed by a bill and a prescription. A typical therapy session lasts an hour at a fraction of the cost.

I recently visited one of the best therapy clinics in the country, Therapy Works, a complete therapy center that specializes in treating children with various disabilities. What strike you right off the bat are the facilities, which include several well designed and cheerful treatment rooms, two swimming pools, and a number of motion stimulation devices (my own scientific name for playground equip-



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Shootout in QC

FIVE suspected car thieves were reported killed in a shootout with policemen early yesterday morning in Quezon City. Policemen identified one of the suspects as Noel Parungao. According to a Central Police District report, members of the national police's Traffic Management Group engaged the suspects in a gunfight about 2:45 a.m. along Congressional Avenue. Police said members of a TMG unit were on routine patrol when they spotted a gray Nissan Sentra with alleged tampered plates (UUB-278). When they radioed headquarters, the traffic policemen learned that the car was indeed stolen in Cavite. When the patrolmen tried to flag down the vehicle, a Toyota Tamaraw FX (UVL-170) suddenly appeared and opened fire on the mobile unit. The suspects on the Nissan vehicle also opened fire. The lawmen returned fire and, when the smoke cleared, three men on the Nissan car and two on the Toyota were dead. *Alcuin Papa, TJ Burgonio*

Raid in Pasig

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation agents seized computers loaded with pirated software worth P5 million in a raid in Pasig City last week. NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco said his men raided the Electronic Publishing Ventures office at the Pacific Center Condominium, on San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig. Wycoco said his men confiscated 42 computers containing pirated Norton Anti-Virus and Adobe Page Maker programs, which were under license to the complainant, Symantec. When the complainant reported the alleged piracy to the bureau's intellectual property rights division, head agent Rafael Ragos sent a team to investigate the firm. When the team verified the report, the NBI then obtained a search and seizure warrant from Pasig Judge Alfredo Flores and raided the establishment on Sept. 6. *Jerome Aning*

Swindle in Makati

BUSINESSMAN Noel L. Caliso of South Cotabato lost P1.2 million in Makati to four suspects who had engaged him in a bogus cellular phone deal. According to PO2 Roderick Rodriguez, Caliso, 32, came all the way from South Cotabato to meet with suspects he identified as Miguel Sandoval, an Arthur, Tony and Elsa. All the names turned out to be false, police said. PO2 Rodriguez said the suspects had called up Caliso on the phone and struck a deal with him for the sale of cellular phones and prepaid cell cards. When Caliso agreed to meet with the four on Friday, they proceeded to Regine Hotel on Neptune Street, where Caliso handed over P1.2 million in cash. While Caliso was filling up a form, the suspects began to leave one by one. The victim did not realize he had been had until he completed the form.

Leila Salaverria

Choose the best among yourselves, Atienza tells Manila barangay chiefs

By Jerome Aning

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza yesterday urged the city's barangay chairpersons to "choose the best among yourselves" in today's election of their league president.

"I'm asking our barangay chairs to exercise their right to vote," he said. "Choose those whom you think can provide the best leadership."

Barangay chairs from each of the city's six districts will elect among themselves a district league president.

The six DLPs, in turn, will choose among themselves who will be the barangay league chief.

The election of the DLPs and the Manila Barangay League president will take place at the Manila Midtown Hotel.

The league president will sit in the City Council as a sectoral representative and will serve a five-year term.

A City Council ordinance provided the rules governing this year's election.

The new rules have been opposed by several barangay chairs, who believed that all the leaders must participate in the election.

Opponents questioned the new method in a Manila court. They said the Local Government Code provides for the "election at large" of the barangay league president.

But Judge Reynaldo Ros of the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 33 said he cannot restrain the Sept. 15 elections because the petitioners—the Manila Barangay League under its president, Councilor Natalio Beltran III—could not show sufficient right to be protected.

The judge rejected the MBL's appeal for a writ of preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order against the Council, which passed the ordinance prescribing the manner of the elections.

The Council's majority leader, Marlon Lacson, said the new system is patterned after the procedure governing the election of the national president of the Liga ng mga Barangay.

The judge, however, granted the petitioners' motion for reconsideration to re-file their appeal for declaratory relief "in the interest of justice."

Judge Ros said he wants both sides "to present evidence that will serve as basis for the Court to properly adjudicate the substantive issues raised in the petitions."

DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL CENTER
Myrna Arcilla (right) shows off her newly renewed driver's license, which was processed under five minutes at a Land Transportation Office kiosk-type facility. A joint project of the AMPI-Mega Data Corp. and Stradcom, the One Stop Shop Center offers fast renewal of driver's licenses and car registration services and will be set up in malls and city and town halls throughout the country. Looking on are LTO chief Roberto Lastimoso (second from left) and LTO NCR director Pacifico Avenido.

Fetalvero, 39

REY Mendoza Fetalvero, an INQUIRER production specialist, passed away last Thursday following a stroke. He was 39.

Rey is survived by wife Juliet, daughters Marie Angeline Rae, Maria Julianne and Gabrielle Marie, brother Rodolfo and sisters Amelita and Jovita.

Rey's remains lie in state at the Mt. Carmel Church in Project 6, Quezon City. He will be buried on Sept. 19 at Himlayang Pilipino.

Therapists in your own...

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ment, swings, slides, whatnot).

Working closely with the kids, mostly one-on-one, the therapists engage in deceptively simple yet fully motivated games designed to test and improve various skills. The children are encouraged to concentrate and analyze puzzles and their progress is recorded religiously.

The swimming pool is actually a valuable tool for therapy. Swimming improves breathing control, which is often a problem for people with speech problems. I observed a young boy receiving speech therapy while swimming, babbling away. Only a few months before he was actually quite delayed in verbal expression.

Dedication

Also, the pool is extremely useful for various forms of physical therapy. Various exercises can improve balance and range of motion, as well as provide a safe venue for developing motor skills.

More than the actual facilities, what is most impressive is the dedication and commitment of the staff. The therapists give their patients their undivided attention. Therapy Works has a staff of about 20 therapists, each working twice or three times a week at most, and for a lot less than you would imagine. Let's just say they're not in it for the money.

The thought of all this healing going on two doors down my street is heartwarming, to say the least. I'm almost willing to forgive the parking crisis they've created.

In 1995, the National Statistics Office listed more than 900,000 Filipinos with some sort of disability, many of them requiring some form of therapy for rehabilitation. Most of them never receive it. A major reason for this is they can't afford it (thus the free clinic, see?), but a huge part of the problem is that many people are not even aware that they need therapy, or could actually benefit from it.

When I saw the long list of conditions that these therapists could treat, I began to wonder if I couldn't use a few sessions of treatment myself. Really, such a long and varied list. Lots of stuff. Lots and lots. Soooo many. Plenty, super.

Developmental delays (Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, etc.), orthopedic conditions (arthritis, low back pain, fracture), geriatric conditions (decreased endurance, balance problems), cardiac or lung disease, sprains, muscle pains, ligament tears, stroke, multiple sclerosis;

Parkinson's disease, obstetric conditions (back pain or muscle weakness due to pregnancy), work related conditions (carpal tunnel syndrome, lower back pain, tremors), fitness training program prescription, previously diagnosed psychiatric conditions, feeding and swallowing problems;

Behavioral problems (problems with attention span, concentration, hyperactivity, etc.), learning disabilities, pre-vocational/ vocational training, voice problems, hearing impairment, cleft lip and palate, speech/ language/ articulation problems (stuttering, delayed speech development, etc.).

If you don't have any of the problems listed above, then you're one of the lucky ones. But I'll bet any amount you know someone who does. And the odds are almost as good that he or she doesn't receive any therapy.

How to join

No shampoo sachets required for Thera-Free. First, you need a note from your doctor describing your condition and recommending treatment, since therapists aren't allowed to treat patients without it. Also, you have to schedule an appointment.

The free clinics are nationwide, but you can call the numbers below to find the nearest clinic in your area, as well as other details.

While the therapists are miracle workers in their own way, you can't expect overnight results. One free session will probably not result in throwing of crutches and rising from wheelchairs. However, the therapists can probably design a program for those who can't afford regular sessions, which the patients can practice in their own homes. And many of them are even willing to accept regular patients who need their help but are unable to pay.

As one therapist told me, they are in the medical profession and will never turn away anyone who is suffering.

So spread the word, if you can. A little effort may go a long way. Call Archie David, Lyle Duque or Sheila Ocheda at 526-7125, 526-2271 or 524-5113.

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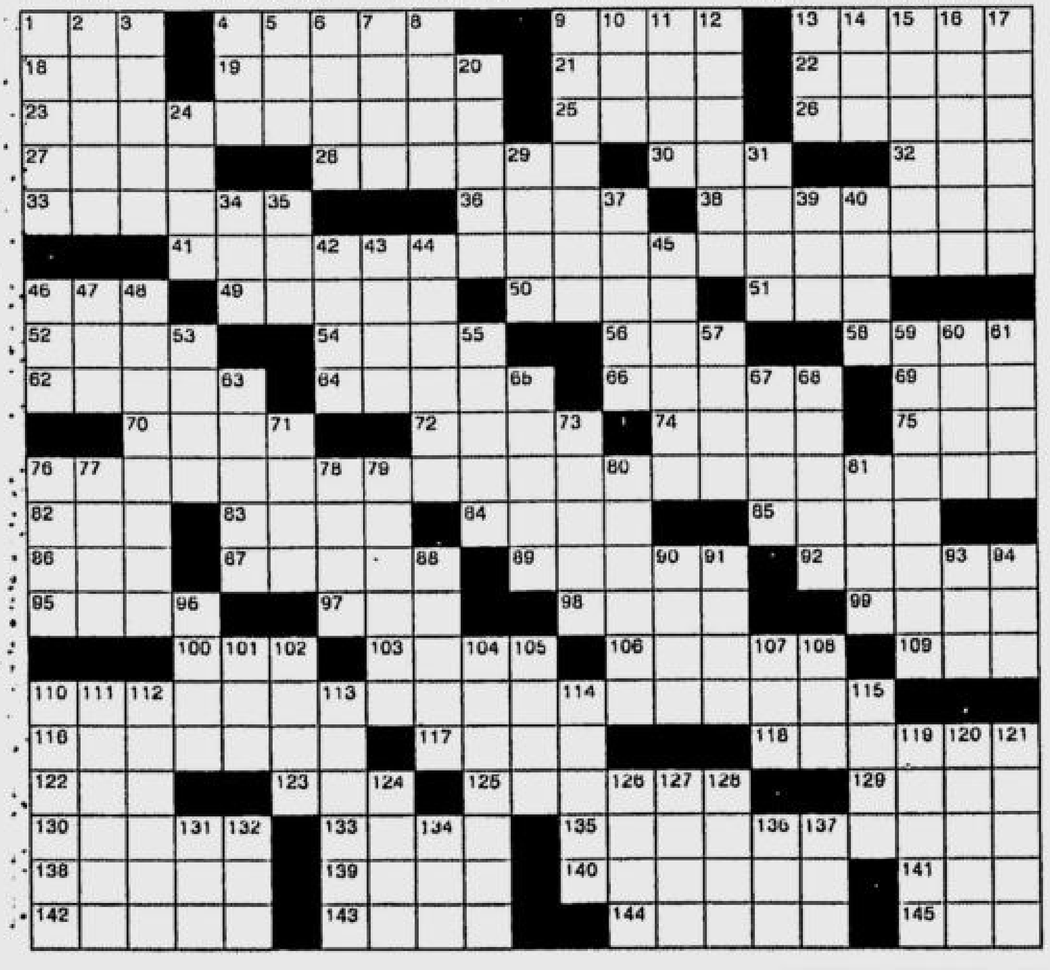

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, September 15, 2002
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7

Grudge and wrath, these also are abominations in which sinful people excel.

He who demands revenge will suffer the vengeance of the Lord who keeps a strict account of his sins. Forgive the mistakes of your neighbor and you may ask that your sins be forgiven.

If a man bears resentment against another, how can he ask God for healing? If he has no compassion on others, how can he pray for forgiveness for his sins? As long as he, mere flesh, is resentful, who will obtain his pardon?

Remember your end and give up hatred; keep in mind your final corruption in the grave and keep the commandments.

Remember the commandments and do not bear grudges against your neighbor. Remember the covenant with the Most High and overlook the offense.

2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters, none of us lives for himself, nor dies for himself. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Either in life or in death, we belong to the Lord; Christ experienced death and life to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times must I forgive the offenses of my brother or sister? Seven times?" Jesus answered, "No, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

This story throws light on the kingdom of heaven. A king decided to settle the accounts of his servants. Among the first was one who owed him ten thousand gold ingots. As the man could not repay the debt, the king commanded that he be sold as a slave with his wife, children and all his goods in payment.

The official threw himself at the feet of the king and said, 'Give me time, and I will pay you back everything.' The king took pity on him and not only set him free but even canceled his debt.

This official then left the king's presence and he met one of his companions who owed him a hundred pieces of silver. He grabbed him by the neck and almost strangled him, shouting, 'Pay me what you owe!' His companion threw himself at his feet and asked him, 'Give me time, and I will pay everything.' The other did not agree, but sent him to prison until he had paid all his debt.

His companions saw what happened. They were indignant and so they went and reported everything to their lord. Then the lord summoned his official and said, "Wicked servant, I forgave you all that you owed when you begged me to do so. Weren't you bound to have pity on your companion as I had pity on you?" The lord was now angry, so he handed his servant over to be punished, until he had paid his whole debt.

Jesus added, "So will my heavenly Father do with you unless each of you sincerely forgive your brother or sister."

Commentary

Forgiveness is a divine act in us. Left to ourselves after experiencing hurts, we humans tend to get even up to the extent of inflicting on the culprit a graver hurt. Stories of individuals and even of communities through the course of ages attest to this. Just look at the many ethnic conflicts all over the world. A whole "tradition" and even legal system have ensued, trying to redress such hurts in individual or collective psyches. When we experience being a forgiven people, forgiveness on our part is possible. If you have a deep hurt you cannot overcome, pray with St. Francis of Assisi: "And if we do not forgive perfectly, Lord, make us forgive perfectly, so that we really love our enemies for love of you, and pray fervently to you for them, returning no one evil for evil, anxious only to serve anyone in you."

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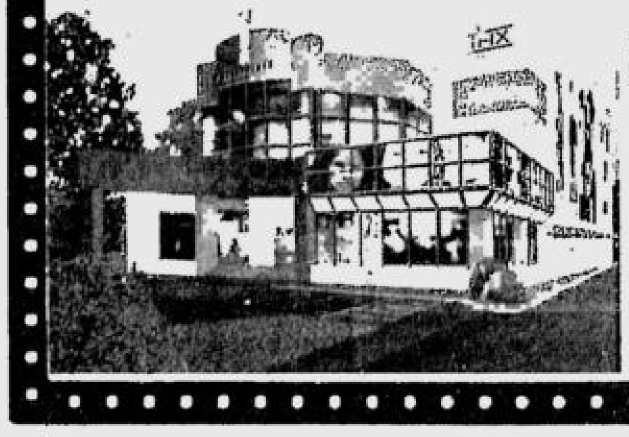

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In the film, Elliot plays John Pierce, a bomb expert turned author. When a series of bombings rocked America, he becomes a suspect.

Filmed in the tradition of "Collateral Damage" and "Die Hard 3" with the latest in special effects for massive explosion scenes, "High Explosive" is an entirely new film about terrorists who have become more cruel, suicidal and high-tech oriented in their activities.

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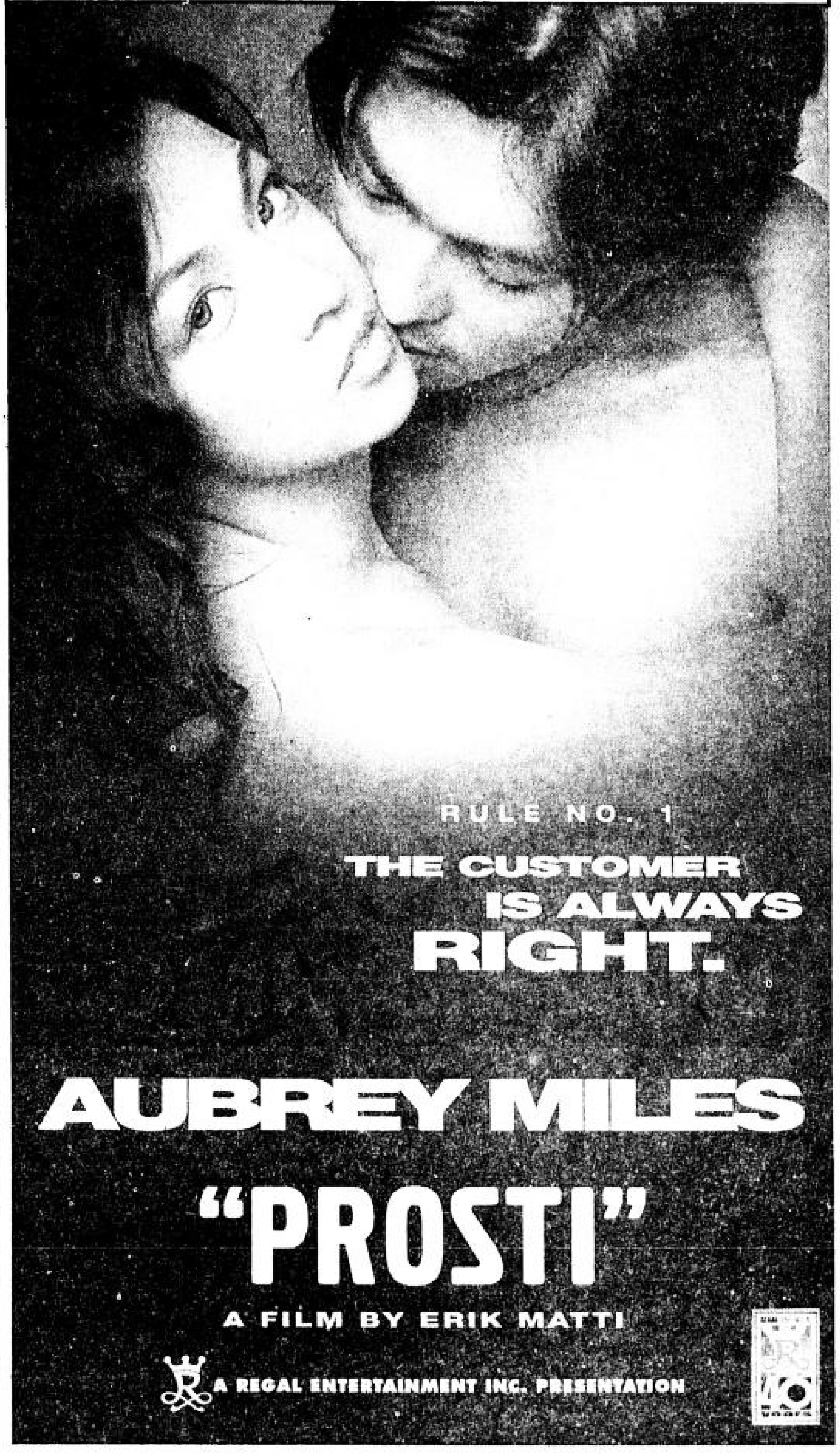

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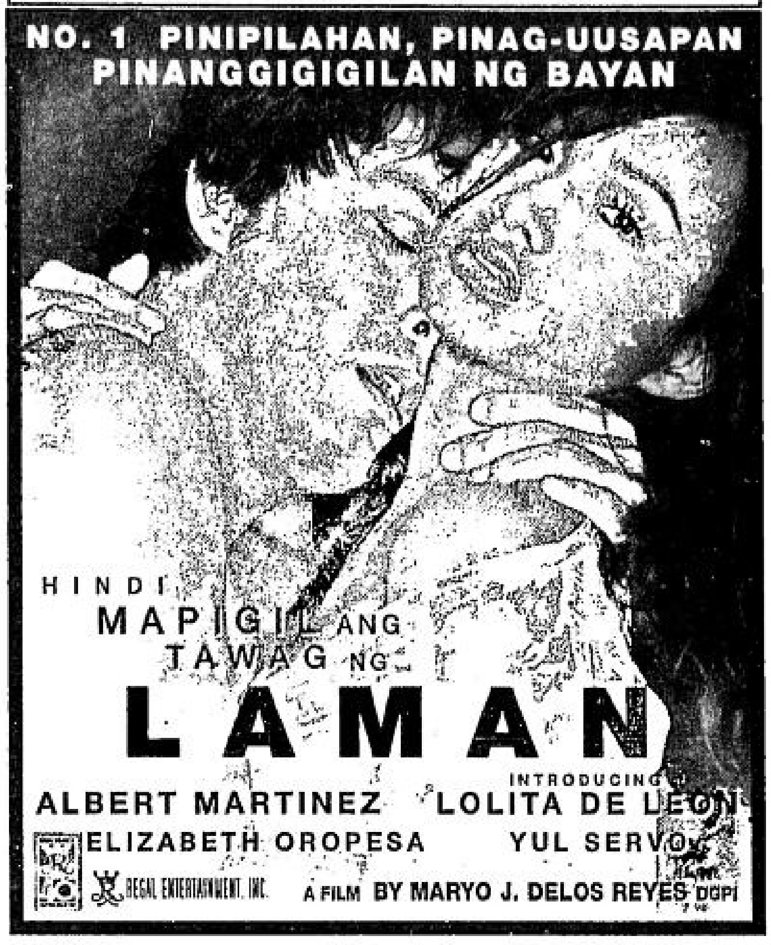

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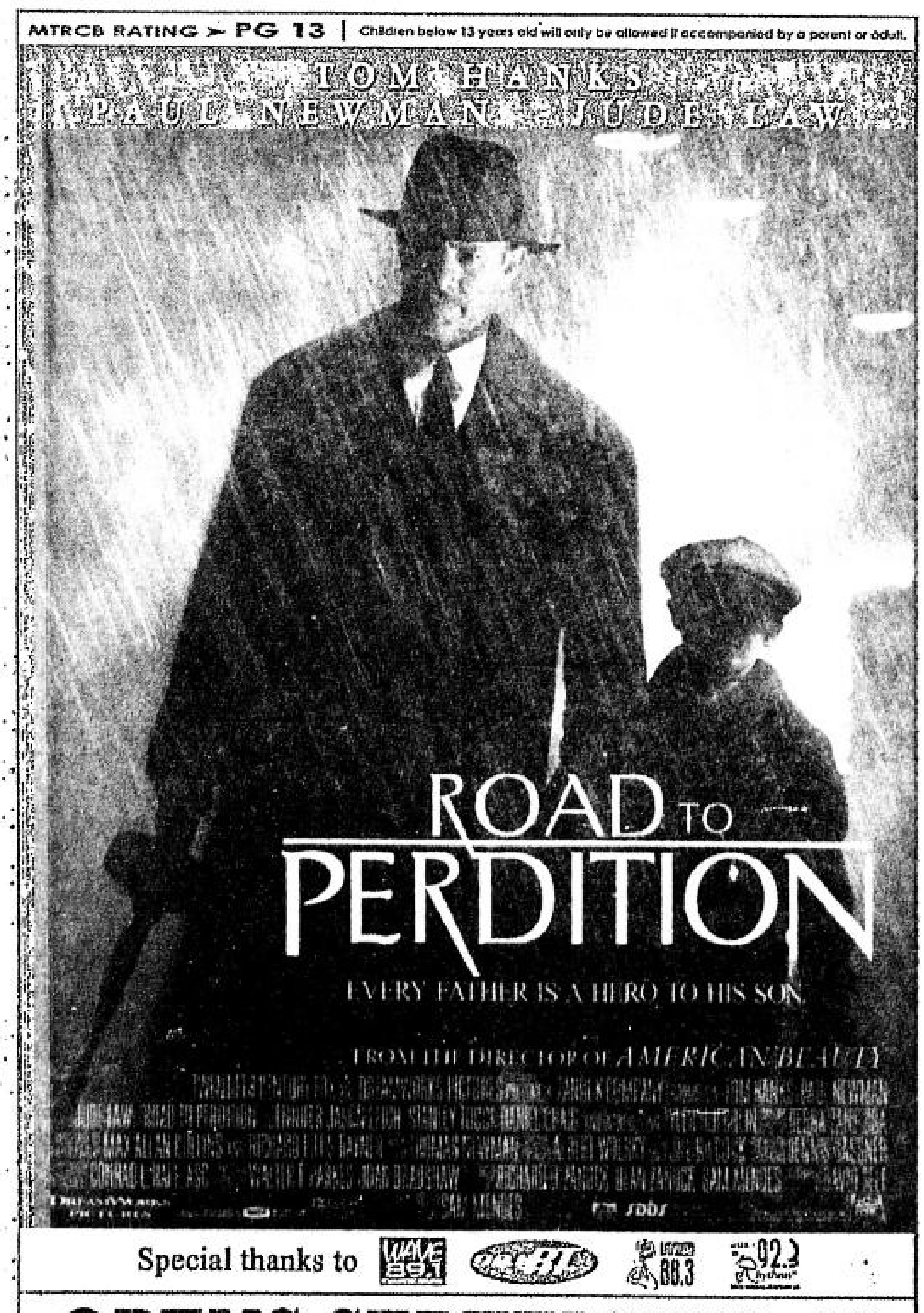

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TV networks bid for right to cover Lea Salonga weddding

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Leah Salterio

THE WEDDING of **Lea Salonga** is set for December 2003, but as soon as it was announced that the Broadway star would be tying the knot with her Chinese-Japanese boyfriend **Robert Chien**, the two major Philippine networks started making their bids for the exclusive wedding coverage.

Lea, however, hasn't committed to any of the networks nor is she near making any deals for the coverage of her altar date.

"I don't want to make money out of my own wedding," said Lea through her mom, **Ligaya Salonga**.

The wedding was earlier said to be taking place in Hawaii, but Lea and Rob decided to move it to Los Angeles so most of their friends can attend it.

Rob is based in LA, where he met Lea late last year when she played Mei-Li in the revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, "Flower Drum Song."

The network that will clinch the exclusive right to Lea's wedding will have to spend a fortune for the satellite feed of the coverage from the US West Coast. The wedding coverage is a must since the entire country is anticipating the very important event in the life of its world-class star.

December 2003 is the perfect date for Lea's wedding since she will have fulfilled all her commitments by that time. She is now in New York, where she is preparing for the opening of the Broadway revival of "Flower Drum Song," which opens Oct. 17. While in New York, she is also set to record an all-original album for BMG Records (Pilipinas).

After the 10-month run of "Flower Drum Song," Lea will go on a US concert tour covering six cities that includes New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Hawaii.

Bong the clown

NOW that his sitcom, "Idol Ko si Kap," is about to mark its second anniversary, **Bong Revilla Jr.** is proving that he deserved the best comedy actor award from the Star Awards for TV (given by the Philippine Movie Press Club).

Even if he has been noted for his action flicks on the big screen, Bong displays his flair for comedy on TV.

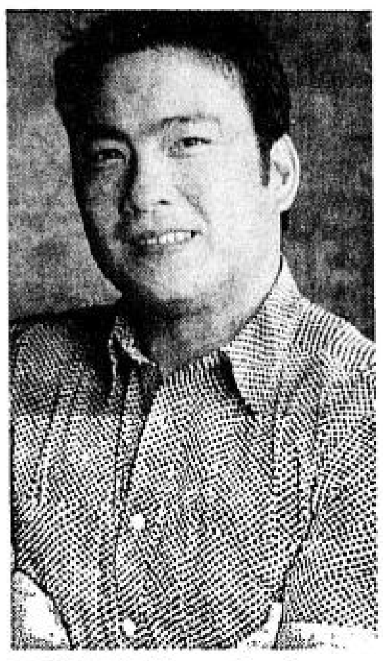
"When I do comedy, I try not to have any inhibitions so the performance is natural," Bong says. "I enjoy it (comedy). I do crazy things on the show even if it's something I've never done before."

He doesn't have qualms about going in drag or doing rap, like what he does in the special anniversary episode of "Idol Ko si Kap," to be aired Sept. 21.

Bong does a **Rufa Mae Quinto** (complete with the big boobs), his costar in the sitcom. **Phillip Salvador** joins them in the episode as the special guest.

For the Sept. 28 episode, Bong will show his flair for singing as the sitcom presents a musical special with guests **Jolina Magdangal**, the Hotdog Band and a 21-piece drum and bugle corps invading Rancho Verde.

Bong admits he misses doing action movies. But he has started filming an action-adventure and fantasy vehicle, "Agimat ni Lolo," with his son **Jolo (Revilla)** and actor **Carlos Morales**. The movie is a possible entry in the Metro Manila Film Festival in December.



REVILLA JR. No qualms about going drag or doing rap.

In a recent survey, respondents picked Bong, the fearless chair of the Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB), as the No. 2 action man of the government, after Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair **Bayani Fernando**.

"The crazy things I do on the sitcom might even cost me my position as VRB chair," Bong asserts. "But I really enjoy comedy. I don't mind doing crazy things."

"Idol Ko si Kap" airs Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.

Pinky on UK TV

AMADOR. A stint on BBC's latest courtroom drama, "Judge John Deed."

ACTRESS **Pinky Amador** has just arrived from a successful trip in Berlin and London.

Pinky originally went to visit friends in Berlin and attend her cousin's wedding in London. But she got the surprise of her life when, less than 24 hours after her arrival in London from Berlina, she was offered to do a cameo role in the BBC's latest courtroom drama series, "Judge John Deed."

It helped that Pinky had an agent in Europe. "I got a call from my agent the morning after I arrived and he asked me to audition that afternoon," Pinky shares. "I got the role of a newscaster the same day."

The taping took place last Aug. 23. The episode will air in the UK this autumn.

With Pinky in the cast are **Martin Shaw** ("The Professionals"), **Jenny Seagrove**, Sir **Donald Sinden** and **Nicholas Hoult**, the hot young star who starred with **Hugh Grant** in "About a Boy."

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In today's episode, feng shui expert Rev. Fr. Wong Seng Tian of Shing Lim Temple launches his book on the segment "Straight from the Expert."

Mother Ricky, who is a keen believer of this age-old Chinese belief, highly recommends Rev. Fr. Tian who can be contacted at Bayani cor. Kapilingan Sts., G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City (tel. no. 711-2714).

The "Search for Kolours Masters 2002" goes full swing with the latest in regional competition held at the Metropolis Alabang last Sept. 5 sponsored by Kolours and Scriptovision.

Grace Gupana will give pointers on how to make business with herbs on "Beauty and Business," while Rocky presents Miss Tiaong Rea Angela Cosico on the much-awaited "Make Over."

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Bodyshots search

WHAT do movie actors Eric Quizon, Leo Rabago, John Estrada, Allan Sia, Emilio Garcia, Ricardo Cepeda, Aljon Jimenez, and Glen Almonte have in common with TV personalities Rod Nepomuceno, Reggie Curly, Calvin Millado, Wilma Doesnt and Rhea Santos?

They were all discovered in the country's premier modeling competition, the Bodyshots search.

Organized yearly by the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines (FDAP), the largest and longest-running organization of fashion designers in the country, Bodyshots was initially staged in 1986 to discover and train male and female talents to become professional runway models. However, through the years, the highly-popular Bodyshots search has produced not only the country's top fashion models, but film and entertainment stars and beauty queens, too.

Marina Benipayo, Bodyshots 1988 winner, went on to compete in the Miss World beauty pageant in London; Gem Padilla and Jewel Lobaton to Miss Universe; Patty Betita and Joanna Peñalosa to Miss International in Japan; Lou Buny.

For this year's Bodyshots competition, FDAP president Ole Morabe has announced the screening of applicants to select the 30 male and female finalists: Sept. 15 (1 to 4 p.m. only) at Arkdia located along Remedios street in between Adriatico and Mabini streets in Malate.

Female aspirant should be from 14 to 25 years of age, single or married, at least 5'7 in height, of Filipino descent, and with good body proportions while the male should be from 17 to 30 years old and at least 5'10 tall. All aspirants are asked to bring swimwear and their close-up photos (in 3R size).

For more inquiries, call up Gino Fernando at 825-1043 and 827-8073 or Ariel Agasang at 436-1500.

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But the dream turns into a nightmare when Mitch becomes unfaithful, and starts abusing her physically and emotionally. He expects her to accept his beating and cheating. "I'm the man," Slim's husband declares. "I work and bring home the money, so I make the rules."
Slim has had enough. With her friend Ginny's (JULIETTE LEWIS) help, she escapes with Gracie. Pursued by an increasingly dangerous husband, she prepares to fight back with all her might.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

HYPERBEAT. Performs in "Groove Nights" at The Conservatory.

COMIC LAB TALENTS. In a new concept show.

'Rockin' the Boulevard

SHOWS

GRAND Boulevard Hotel brings RJ and Friends to Manila in "Rockin' the Boulevard," starting Sept. 17 at the hotel's Beck's Bar and the newly expanded lobby bar.

For the opening night, there will be cocktails from 6 to 8 p.m.

RJ will play classic rock and roll of the '50s, '60s and '70s, plus retro music of baby boomers.

For inquiries and reservations, call 526-8588, local 7318.

'Six in the City'

"SIX in the City" is not the total spin-off of the popular HBO series.

Andrew de Real of the Library sing-along bar has concocted a new and fresh script that will showcase the talents of his new finds (from "Bagong Sibol") who will be featured in a special show, "Six in the Ciy," at the Library's sister bar, Comic Lab (located at 1816 Jorge Bocobo St., Malate, Manila).

Comic Lab boasts of new and fresh comedians that the Library has been discovering.

"Six in the City" will showcase the crème dela crème of "Bagong Sibol"—Nikki (The Black Diva), Waby, Ador (Beauty Queen), Gie (Porn Star), Peter (Sex Slave) and Madonna (Play Girl).

For tickets, contact Richard at 526-2730.

Conservatory

HYPERBEAT performs at The Conservatory of Peninsula Manila on "Groove Nights," Wednesday and Saturday of September.

Hyperbeat is led by seasoned keyboardist Johnny Cruz, with vocals back-up from Cecil Tiangco, Nancy Cruz and Johnrif Cruz.

"Groove Nights" starts 9:40 p.m. (Wednesdays and Thursdays), 10:30 p.m. (Fridays) and 10 p.m., Saturdays.

Meanwhile, Katrina Sitti Navarro croons R and B standards on Wednesdays in "After Hour Grind."

Also performing this September are Lilybeth Garcia (Thursdays) and Cindy Rosas (Fridays).

"After Hour Grind" starts 7:40 p.m., Wednesdays to Fridays.

For inquiries, call The Conservatory at Peninsula Manila at 887-2888, local 2965.

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The performance, not the actor

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

DIRECTORS who get fed up with actors' spoiled ways and unreasonable demands sometimes threaten to direct only productions involving puppets. In "Simone," the art-film director played by **Al Pacino** takes the threat one step further: he literally creates his new star out of pixels!

The director is pushed to take this drastic step when the bratty star of his latest film (**Winona Ryder**) peevishly drops out of the picture, instantly consigning it to production limbo.

Faced with a rapidly self-destructing career, he takes the invention of a dying computer genius and creates his "synthespian" or "vactor" (synthetic thespian and virtual actor), Simone who is so lovely and charismatic that she swiftly sets the film world on fire.

All of a sudden, the director is the toast of Hollywood, and can do no wrong. But his digitized creation becomes so popular that the world insists on seeing her "in the flesh," so he has his work cut out för him, using stand-ins, dummies and holograms to convince people that Simone really does exist, apart from her breathtaking image on the movie screen.

The director may be billiant, but the time comes when Simone's super-popularity begins to acquire a life of its own. Even when he debases her and shows her and shows her ugly side, her public "forgives" her. The time comes when her creator wants to rid himself of her, but she is literally deathless.—That's really something for a star who doesn't exist in the first place!

The film is full of such ironic twists, and its updated Svengali-Trilbee tale is captivating and mentally stimulating for the film's first 30 minutes. After that, however, the movie gets bugged down in its self-contradictions and lack of plausibility.

For instance, when the inventor, Hank, offers his new virtual-actor system, Pacino's character turns it down and says that he isn't all that knowledgeable about computers. And yet, after Hank dies, the director turns out to be a prodigiously brilliant manipulator of pixels, creating a breathtakingly lifelike and enchanting "synthetic thespian" seemingly out of thin air.

Also implausible is the stupidity of the people around him, who swallow his yarn about his reclusive, Garbo-esque star, hook, line and sinker. These dumbells include the director's ex-wife, who's now the head of a big movie company. Studio heads are supposed to be really sharp operators, but this one is so easily fooled that its ludicrous.

With better crafting, more realism and less facile reliance on our suspension of disbelief, "Simone" could have turned out to be an edgy, provocative and cautionary tale. The way it's turned out, however, it's initially thought-provoking but ultimately fails to follow through on its significant premise, and ends up as spurious as its ersatz superstar.

Despite this basic deficiency, Pacino galvanizes the production with his character's conviction and involvement. The gifted actor tries mightily to give the production the spine that its script should have provided, but even his time-tested talent can only do so much. We're glad that we went to see "Simone," but it stops short of realizing its full, visionary potential.

Feedback

NOLI Taylo of Sta. Mesa, Manila has called to say that, the way our major TV channels have compromised their program standards in their desire to generate higher ratings, no channel should win the Most Balanced Programming award in this year's TV tilts. If a channel does win the award, it would be highly questionable, he opined.

Willy Cruz's new album

FAR far resting on his laurels, hit songsmith and pianist Willy Cruz has just released a new album, "Got to Believe in Magic," where he plays famous TV-movie theme songs, among other memorable tunes.

One cut, "Sana'y Maghintay ang Walang Hanggan," is his own composition. The other songs are "She," "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang?," "Forevermore," "There You'll Be," "Kailangan Ko'y Ikaw," "Kung Mawawala Ka," "Both Sides Now," "Pangako Sa 'Yo," "Warrior Is a Child," "Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin," "Can't We Just Stop and Talk Awhile," "The Prayer," and "Dadalhin Kita," the title track.

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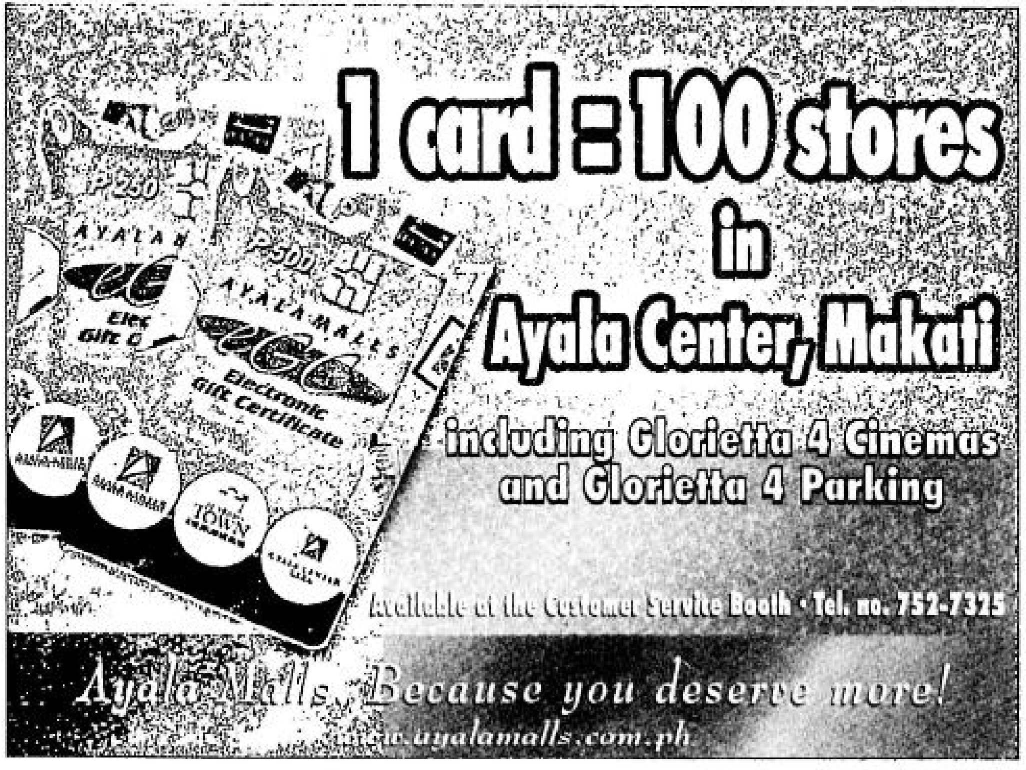

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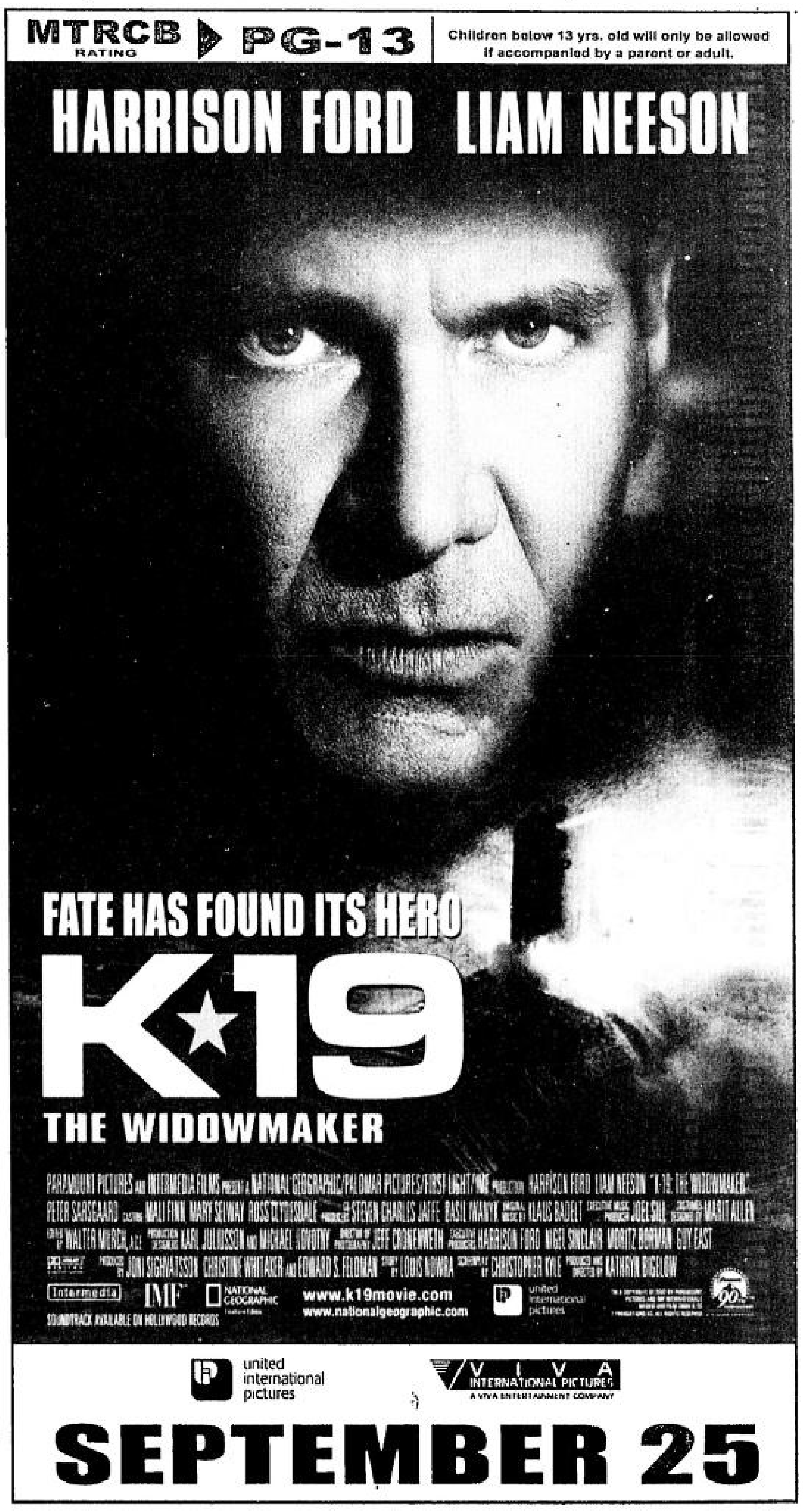

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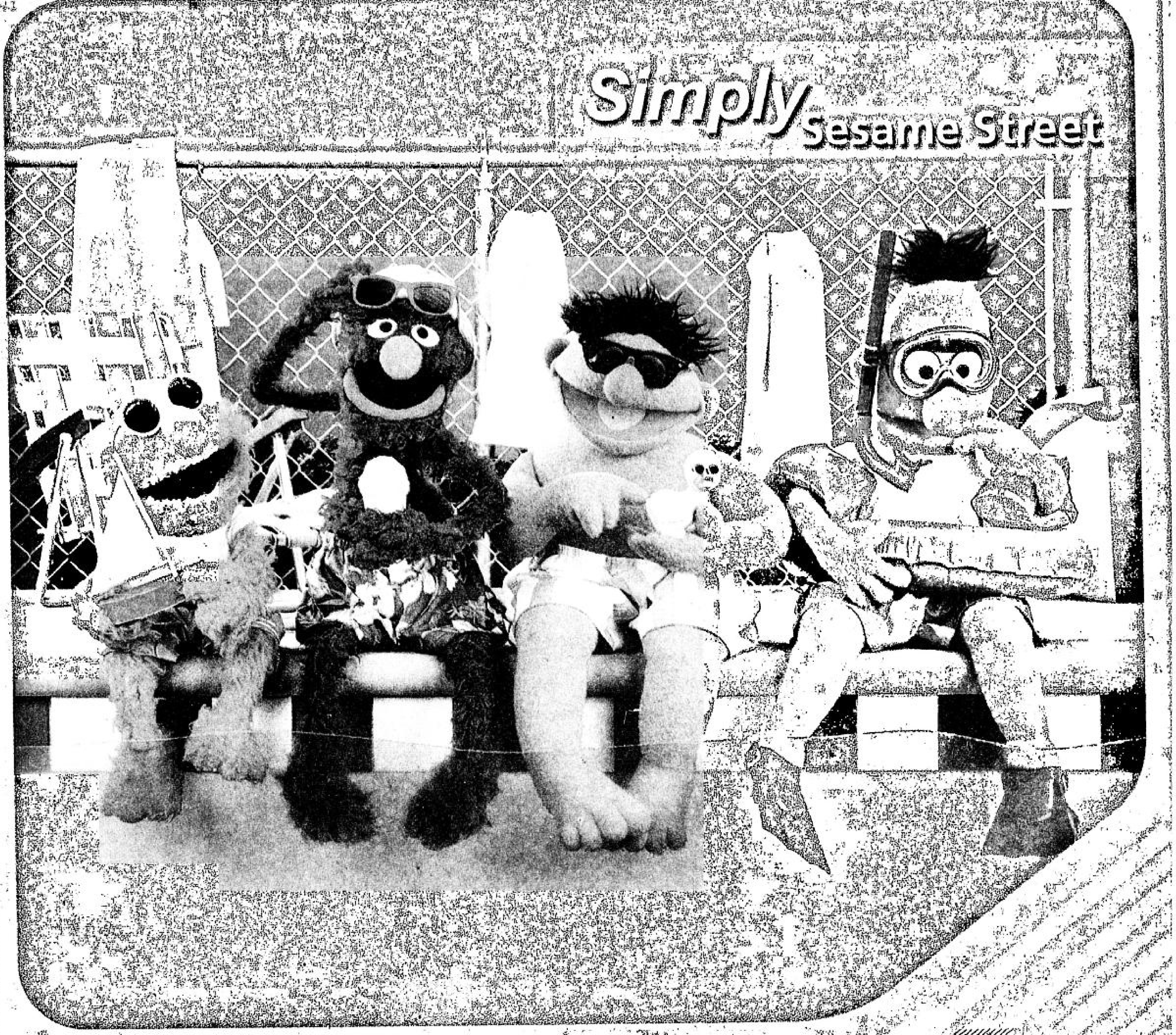

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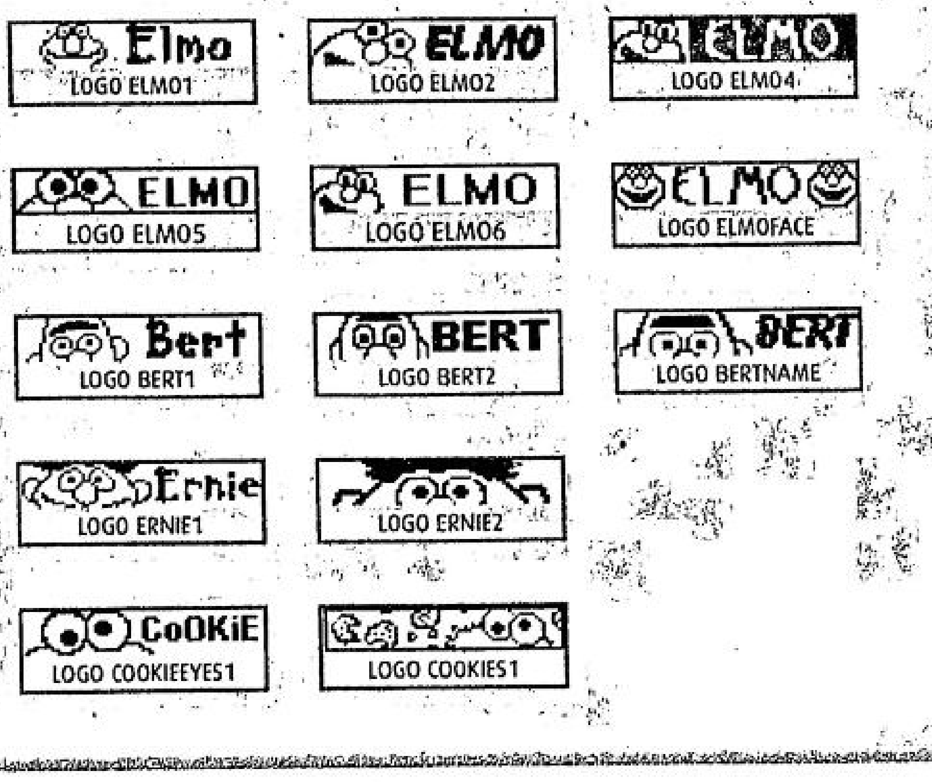

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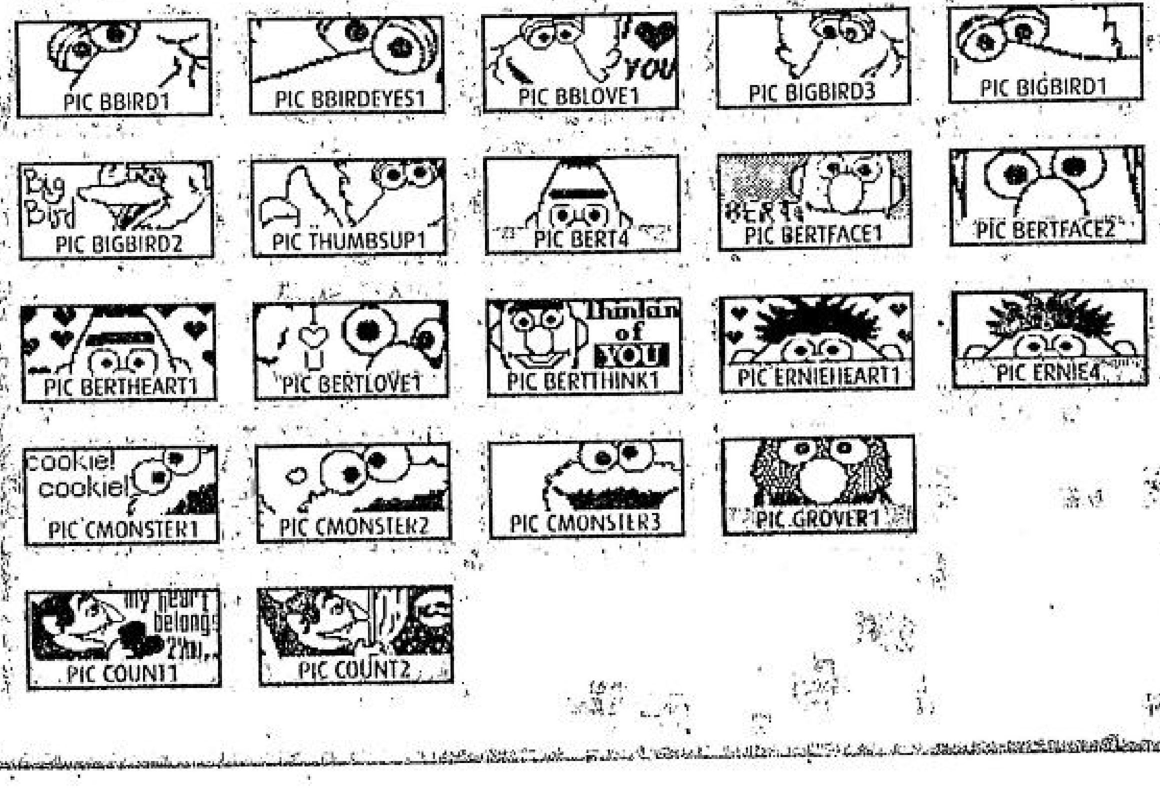

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VENUS Reyes-Navalta occupies a very powerful post but she says the determination to remain simple is what keeps her feet grounded.

JOHNNY VILLENA

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

VENUS Reyes-Navalta, head of Universal McCann, which handles some P3.5 billion worth of advertising money, never realized her family was poor until she went to college.

Not even when they were sent all the way to Angono from Baguio every summer to live with their "rich cousins" and help in their garments business.

Nor when she had to work as early as seven years old to contribute to the family coffers.

But that was because work did not seem like work and there was always laughter about her.

FIRST JOB

Initially she and about half of her eight siblings would pick sampaguita and make them into garlands which were sold in her lola's *sari-sari* store. The rest would be given to church for the Flores de Mayo.

Sales from the sampaguita would reach P1 a day which was quite a significant sum in the '60s.

As she grew older, and learned how to use needle and thread, she sewed buttons on garments or cut the excess thread. Pay was based on how many pieces she made and Venus says her earnings would amount to only about P1 a week.

AS a UP student in the late '70s with husband Egay (then boyfriend), Danny Sembrano and Mark Manalang.

She recalls that she grew calluses from holding scissors the whole day but she and her siblings would always have fun while working.

WITH son Carlo, 1982

The P20 or so savings that each of them got during the summers was enough to pay for their school supplies.

But Venus never related the "work" they did as something that was necessary to augment the family income. She says everything they did was so much fun that she thought it was all just part of life.

The veil that protected her from lamenting her family's financial state lifted when she entered college. It was then that she realized how poor they were.

Venus entered UP where tuition fee was relatively cheap yet the quality of education was parallel to none.

While in UP she had to live in the dorm. She was only given an allowance of P50 a week to cover for everything—food, supplies, laundry, transportation, etc.

At that time, a meal cost P1.50 to P2; while a ride in the Ikot jeep (the jeepney that plies the UP campus route), cost 25 centavos.

"I didn't realize how poor we were until I got to the dorm. I just had enough. There was no money left for movies. There I saw the disparity and I vowed I will do better," she recalls. "P50 was a daily allowance for some!"

Beyond influencing her to make sure she gets into UP, her parents, whom she says were unschooled but very hardworking, wanted her to take up a traditional course like nursing.

Although she did not really know what to study she knew what she did not want—math.

"Besides I am lazy. I did not want to study, I just wanted to read."

So she said she enrolled in broadcast communication at the Institute of Mass Communications (now College of Mass Communications) to avoid math.

Discovery

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One chicken venture hatches five micro-entrepreneurs

EVERY plate of Bacolod Chicken Inasal (BCI) fare that you savor is the result of a lot of hands working together.

When siblings Rose, Bing and JM Tanalgo decided to put up the first Bacolod Chicken Inasal outlet in Edsa Central, Mandaluyong, they knew they would be needing help from their *kababayans* in delivering genuine products and services. So the young entrepreneurs sought the best suppliers who can be their partners in their undertaking.

The banana leaves that give BCI's plates a Pinoy appeal come all the way from Jessie Colango's hometown in Sitio Anangi, Negros Occidental. Jessie Colango has been BCI's supplier for the past four years. During earlier days, when delivery schedule was not yet regular, the BCI purchasing people had to send out a message through the public service portion of radio station "Agong" to place orders since there were no phone lines in their area.

Initially, BCI required 400 leaves weekly from Jessie but the number eventually rose to 1,800 after more branches opened. A week's delivery takes a full day to harvest, starting with a 1.5-kilometer hike up the mountains at 4 a.m., with a carosa in tow.

"Supplying to BCI has helped me a lot, I was able to purchase a rice paddy and a horse from my earnings. We use the horse to carry cargo for us from the nearest town up to our remote barangay," shares Jessie.

Since their area does not have electric supply, she also takes pride in the battery-operated TV set that she was able to acquire through the returns of her business.

"I am glad that BCI now has six branches because the needs of my family have grown and the increase in our income helps a lot," she shares.

Ephraim's stall which stands at the Libertad Public Market in Bacolod City is the source of the *kalamansi* used by BCI in marinating the chicken and completing your dipping sauce.

Though Ephraim has a lot of other patrons, BCI is the most consistent and buys the largest volume. BCI's order started at 30 kilos a week then went up to 90 kilos for juicing alone.

"I was able to invest in a small lot from my earnings," he beams.

The coconut vinegar used for the chicken marinade and the sinamak dipping sauce are supplied by Danilo Mondejar. "I produce 14-20 containers of vinegar for BCI every 10 days. We harvest them from our 40 coconut trees."

With Danilo's produce, diners at BCI are able to enjoy their chicken inasal with the special "*sawsawan*" of *sinamak*, *toyo* and *kalamansi*.

Rita is one of three women who painstakingly debone the bangus served from BCI's kitchens. She has been in the trade for 35 years. The Bacolod Boneless Bangus being a favorite menu item by BCI diners, big orders come Rita's way.

According to her, "*Dako dako gid ang bulig sa amon* (BCI has helped us in a big way)." The income they have generated from BCI's orders has enabled them to send their nephews, nieces and children to school, allowed them to pay their debts, and sustains their daily food budget.

"We always anticipate the call of BCI each week because we know that it means sure earnings for us. BCI is the best *gid namon na suki* (the best client ever)," she tells us.

Responsible for keeping BCI's deli counter well supplied with piaya and barquillos are Jesus and Candelaria Gumapas of JC Pasalubong. The couple has been producing

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She used to work . . .

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how to write.

But while she thought Broadcasting only had one math subject (Math 11—algebra and trigonometry), she had another thing coming. There was another subject—Communication Research—that dealt with numbers.

But the bigger surprise was that she excelled in the subject and her teacher immediately hired her even even if she was still a student. She learned then that she had a knack for reading numbers.

Venus says she earned P600 a month as a working student and "I felt rich."

With her first paycheck she treated her sister, a nurse, who was giving her her weekly allowance to dinner and a movie, along with other siblings.

She graduated in 1978 grabbing the Best Student Thesis for her work on a series of documentaries on cultural minorities .

She worked full time for the Philippine Survey and Research Center-Research Institute, a market research company from 1978 to 1982. After four years, however, she was enticed to join PAC, then the second largest advertising agency. PAC wanted to make her an account executive but she told them she preferred research as she was adept at numbers. She became media group head until she left for the United States in 1986.

She rejoined PSRC but resumed her advertising career in 1989 as associate media director of McCann-Erickson Philippines.

The following year she was pirated by DYR in Singapore as media director

It was upon her return from Singapore that Venus says she felt she had fulfilled her vow in college.

New car

In 1992 she went to a car showroom, found a car she liked and the following day went back and bought the car in cash.

"Our car then was a Mirage which we acquired when we were newly married," she says.

WITH DYR Singapore, 1990.

Venus is married to Edgar M. Navalta, a professional voice talent, whose ads include Loviscol and Safeguard.

She rejoined McCann in 1993 and led the team in winning its first ever Asia-Pacific Award for Media Creativity.

She launched Universal McCann in 1999 where she is now managing director and concurrently SVP for McCann Erickson.

Venus occupies a very important position. She has the power to make or break a publication, a TV or radio program.

Universal McCann is the media group of McCann Erickson, the country's largest ad agency. She is in charge of determining where to put a client's ads.

Ironically she says she only realized her power very recently. But she says she is not image-conscious and prefers to be a behind-the-scene person who hies off to her farm in Quezon every weekend.

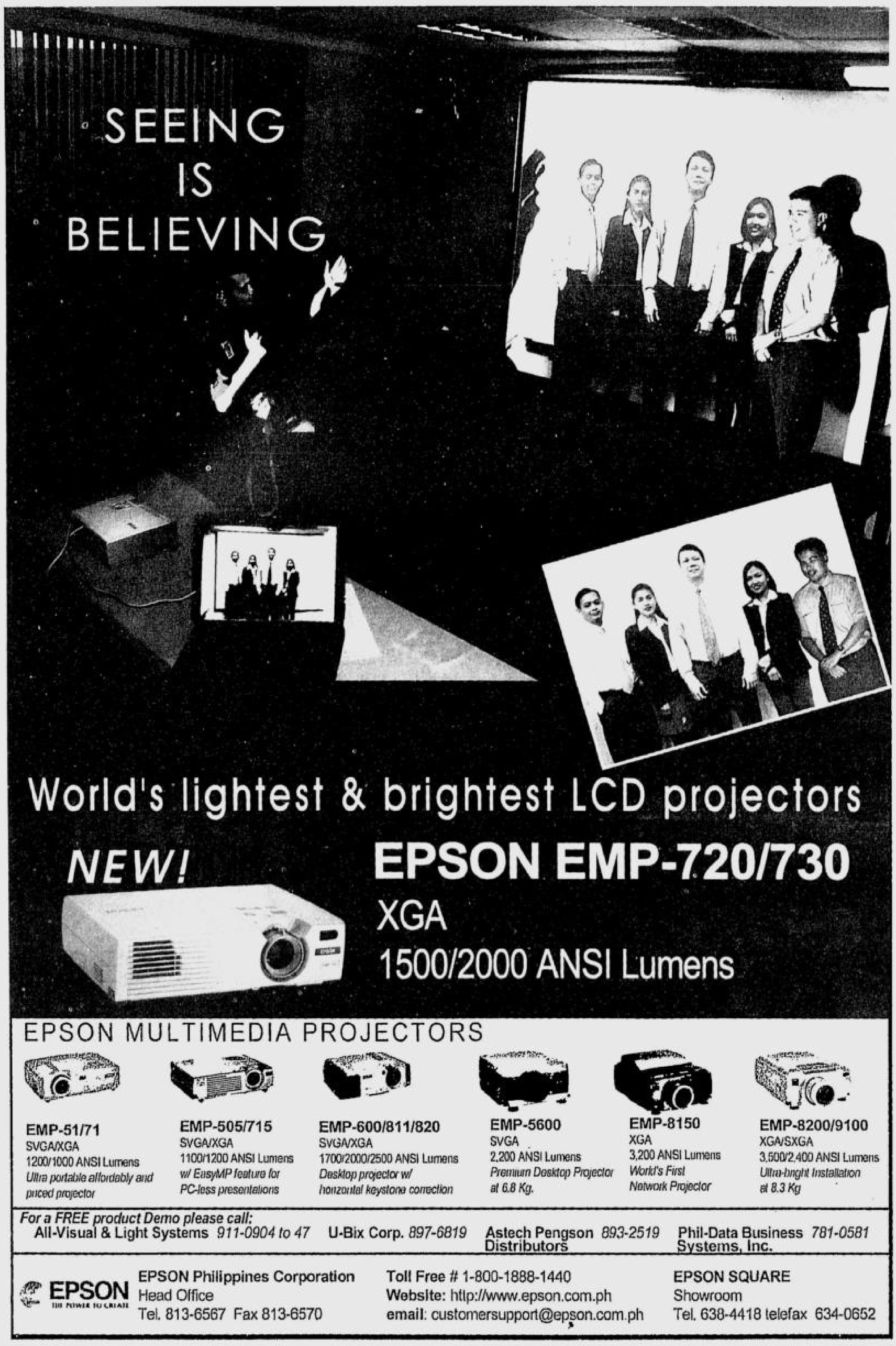
She knows that many media outfits would love to pamper her to ensure that they get ads but she says allowing one's self to be influenced really depends on the leadership of the organization you are in.

She says she learned from her former boss, Art Busta, to be simple and to treat media as partners, not suppliers. These values she hopes to pass on to her staff.

VENUS, Carlo and Egay Navalta after watching Les Miserables in Broadway in 1999.

McCANN excom members Dino Laurena, Interpublic group chair John Dooner, Emily Abrera, Patricia Arches, Joey Valenzuela during the celebration when Venus received the leaderhip award in 1999.

WITH husband Egay in Singapore



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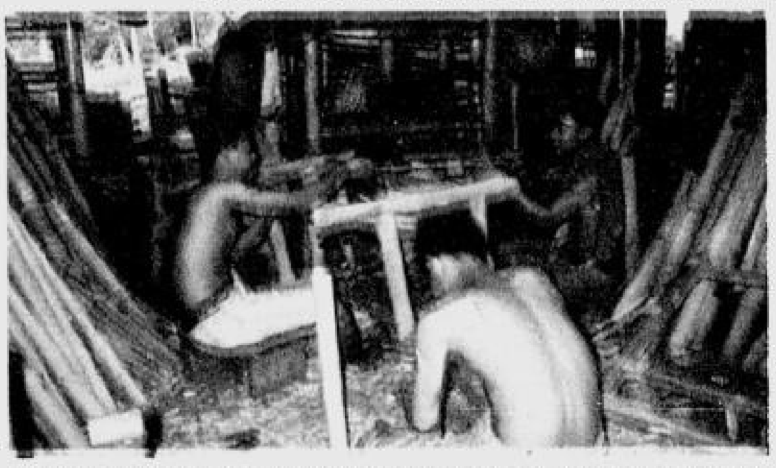


BAMBOO furniture-making has provided livelihood opportunities to once jobless residents of Tayabas, Quezon.

LET the rustic appeal of countryside living fill your homes with these mini nipa huts and bamboo furniture sets.

Selling calm, rural setting to urban dwellers

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

TAYABAS, Quezon—For the tired and weary urbanites, the rows of mini-nipa huts and bamboo furniture sets on display along both sides of the Maharlika Highway near the Calumpang junction here, could only spell one thing—memories of the rustic and placid experience they once enjoyed in the province.

"What we often hear from our city buyers the moment they stop here and gaze at our products, is that they miss the farm scene in their province. Especially from among the old customers," said Thelma Balcita, 36, wife of one of the enterprising craftsmen in the area.

To have one of the furniture items and bamboo mini-huts in any spot of a sprawling lawn in any high-end subdivision or in a any vacant space in a tight metropolitan suburbia would surely bring in a soothing ambience to effect enough therapeutic energy for any nostalgic city dweller.

Bicolana pioneer

The bamboo furniture trade here started 10 years ago when a certain Leona, a Bicolana entrepreneur, introduced the craft in the area. Balcita said the pioneering Bicolana had already been living in the place since 1986.

"Then, one day her workers from Bicol arrived and started to make furniture pieces from bamboo," she said.

What has been forever etched in her memory is the great help the newly found craft has brought to the residents.

"We were already weaving native basket for export when Leona arrived here. But most of us here shifted to her bamboo product lines when we observed that she was making good money," Barcita recalled.

"Then one day, Leona just left the place, also leaving behind her skilled workers. So, we adopted some of them to further teach us the rudiments of the craft and the ins and outs of the business," she added.

Merle Reyes, 48, who is already eight years in the trade, recalled that everyone in the place was able to learn and master the different phases of bamboo craft making.

"Our sons and daughters, young and old residents, we all learned from the workers of Leona," she said.

Some of the children help in sanding and varnishing the bamboo; others were in charge of weaving the rope as added trappings to the bamboo products.

MAHARLIKA highway in Quezon serves more than its purpose as rows of mini-nipa huts are displayed along the highway.

"What they earned from the work is sufficient enough for their school allowance. Most of the kids here no longer ask for allowance from their parents," Reyes said, beaming with pride as she pointed to a group of little girls that were all busy sanding the edges of several bamboo furniture items.

Nipa huts

Two years ago, they started to build mini-nipa huts they called *bahay-kubo*. Reyes said a certain Elmer Lorenzana, another former worker of Leona, who she had adopted, convinced her to branch out into the making of bamboo huts.

"He assured me that he was no greenhorn and had been into building mini-huts even when he was still in Bicol," she recalled.

Convinced of her worker's skills and the potentials of the innovative craft, Reyes scouted for the right materials and provided everything to enterprising Lorenzana.

"He just worked alone without the help of any drawn plan. And when he was finished, I was convinced that the new product would bring more customers, especially from among the rich," she said. "The bahay-kubo has become our main selling attraction since then."

The price tags for the huts range from P5,000 to P15,000. As time went on, Reyes said they kept on improving the designs.

"Luckily for us, our customers always have ready compliment for our designs," she said.

Reyes said a nipa hut takes one whole week to finish. She also proudly noted that with busy trade, the youngsters in their place no longer have the time to indulge in drugs and other vices common among urban teenagers.

"They are all busy making huts and furniture. They are just like playing while working. But they earn good money."

Reyes said all her three sons are now married and the bamboo furniture making serves as their main source of income.

Costs

The craftsmen in the area said they prefer to use "matinik" and "buho" bamboo species, which they source from the nearby towns of Pagbilao, Sariaya, Tayabas.

The other kinds of bamboo are susceptible to pests, a worker said.

"We still spray the bamboo with Solignum and other chemical preservatives for the furniture to stay longer," the worker told the INQUIRER. A set of bamboo furniture—which consists of one sofa, two single-seater chairs and one center table—costs P1,200, and P1,600 if the chairs have woven rope trimmings. The price does not include the delivery fee, which depends on the place of the delivery.

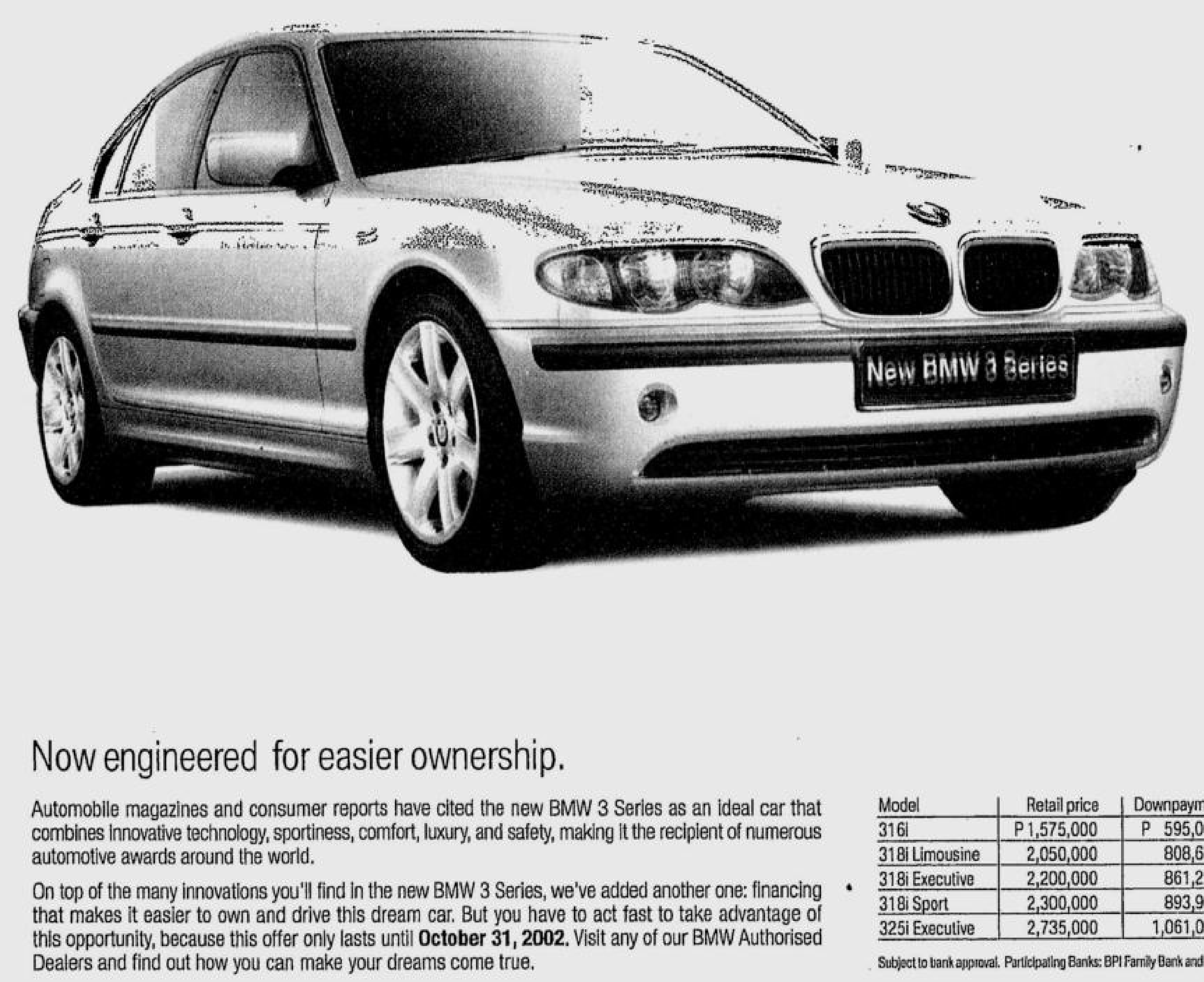
But the production cost of bamboo furniture making eats much of the selling tag.

Reyes said a can of varnish costs P480, which should paint at least seven sets to make them break even. The rope for trimmings comes from Barangay Hagakhakin in Gumaca, Quezon, which they buy at P3 per three-and-one-half meters.

"We're now in our sixth year in this business and we have no regrets. Every material possession that we have now is a product of hard work and a little luck on the side," Balcita said.

"In this business, every sales talk with a customer should have some shade of luck in it. Selling is a matter of luck," she said with a laugh. The bamboo craftsmen expressed the wish that the government would now support them in terms of financial assistance for the upgrading of their equipment.

The business potential of the trade, according to Reyes and Balcita, is great.



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The list of qualified bidders shall be released on October 11, 2002. Issuance of bid tender forms shall be issued starting October 14 for a non-refundable cost of Php 700.00 each

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Wine that spurred revolt . . .

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leaves, seed and bark of the samak tree provide the extract the flavor and the color making vinegar takes the same process as the basi but with lesser amount of *samak).* The jars are then covered airtight and left to ferment from three to six months.

While naturally fermented basi and suka continue to have a big following among the locals, a big slice of Cormel Foods sales is derived from its Manila outlets.

Before introducing the product, the Abadilla family conducted a field study on the basi's marketability outside Ilocos Norte.

The Department of Trade and Industry helped them tap non-local markets through regional and national trade fairs. Soon after, Cormel Foods began supplying retail stores in Manila and Makati with Ilocos wine and vinegar.

Export market

Any company would dream of hitting the export market but not Cormel Foods.

"Why do we need to export when we are doing just fine right here?" Abadilla asks.

He says a former DTI-Manila official has discouraged them from pursuing their plan to export because of the huge investment required.

"Eventually, we decided against pursuing the plan. We got tired just counting the documents we had to (process)," he says.

If it is any consolation, the Ilocos wine and vinegar still find their way to foreign shores, notably Hawaii, where most Ilocano immigrants have settled.

The company has introduced its canning services where US-bound basi and vinegar are often stored in quarter-liter-sized cans for better protection. The basi and suka are placed in plastic bags before they are canned.

"We only use our cans on a per-order basis, usually those who intend to bring the basi and suka abroad," Abadilla says.

In fact, Cormel Foods' production of 3,500 bottles of *basi* and *suka* every three months cannot match the demand in Metro Manila alone.

The company has its own bottles supplied by Asia Brewery. Its production gets delayed when Asia Brewery fails to deliver its supply of bottles, which come in plastic and glass, on time.

The waiting period sometimes takes three months, forcing Cormel Foods to use recycled bottles, he said.

Renewed interest

The company has asked San Miguel Corp.,. if they can manufacture additional bottles, but SMC has turned down the request.

Cormel Foods once used recycled bottles of locally produced gin (like San Miguel's 'bilog' and 'cuatro kantos') and rum, but the DTI discouraged them from continuing the practice especially when these are meant for outlets outside Ilocos Norte.

The renewed interest in the native wine and vinegar has encouraged other producers to maintain the tradition of making basi and suka.

After all, the Ilocos basi and suka are not just commodities. They represent an important chapter of Ilocanos' history.

Despite the abundance of commercially produced wine and vinegar in the market today, Ilocanos have found a way to buy back their tradition.

One chicken venture . . .

RITA prepares the boneless bangus for the chicken house's clients

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these delicacies for 12 years. Piaya and bar uillos are among the favorites for take home by BCI's customers, and the husband and wife team gets orders from BCI on a weekly basis.

"BCI's regular orders has helped improved our sales," states Candelaria.

It has been eight years since BCI was established and it now has six branches.

The latest one opened at Robinson's Place, Manila. From Edsa Central, they put up a branch in Jupiter Street, Makati then, a year after, at the parking area of the Greenhills Shopping Complex in San Juan. Soon, another was inaugurated at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City followed by another one at the 3rd level of SM Centerpoint in Sta. Mesa.

Bacolod Chicken Inasal's effort to reach out to a broader market has resulted in a collective success of all its stakeholders. In the process of showcasing the trademarks of the City of Smiles, relationships were built and lives were improved.

"As our restaurant grew, we saw that a lot of people were benefiting from our expansion, we realized that our business can make a positive difference. Since most of the people involved are Ilonggos, a lot of our business goes back to our home province and that's something which makes us feel good, says Rose Tanalao.

Travel industry woos corporations

MORE Philippine corporations are beginning to see the benefits of using attractive and cost-efficient travel-related programs in spurring increased sales and business performance.

This is the assessment of the Philippine Tour Operators Association (Philtoa) which annually organizes the Philippine Travel Mart, the country's largest travel trade exposition.

According to Felix Christopher Alegre, Philtoa president, more corporations are surveying the market for well-woven travel-related management programs, as well as productivity, motivational and training schemes. "These are positive indications that Philippine business is starting to appreciate the value of incentive travel and business programs which use highly-coveted packages that involve our domestic destinations," Alegre says.

For this reason, he says, the Philtoa is crafting the 13th Philippine Travel Mart, which is slated in November this year, to be more responsive to the increased need for corporate enhancements through travel.

At the same time, he adds, Philippine tour operators are optimistic about increased domestic movement next year, a summer after the domestic travel sector received much-needed attention to buoy up flagging tourism from the overseas market.

Alegre says domestic tourism performance has benefited from joint government and private sector cooperation to help tourism-related businesses survive the post 9-11 travel chill and general economic challenges.

"Domestic tourism is still headed for an all-time high in our country, but the signs of its development as a lucrative sector for the travel and tourism industry are emerging and are energizing the industry in the process," Alegre says.

Alegre foresees that buyers for the forthcoming 13th PTM will continue to come in increasing numbers because of promotional inroads and expansion in the corporate market. This expectation is also based on the Philippine government's earnest efforts to combat terrorism to improve the peace and order situation in the country.

The 13th PTM is scheduled for Nov. 22 to 24 at the SM Megatrade Halls 1 to 3 at the SM Megamall. Its theme is "Breaking the Barriers to Sustained Growth in Philippine Tourism."

Alegre cited the high visitor volume, exhibitor participation and total sales generated during the 12th Philippine Travel Mart (PTM) held November last year, barely two months after the Twin Tower tragedy in New York.

Philtoa reported that exhibitor participation in the trade fair increased 68 percent over the previous event while generating sales from a total of 41,759 buyers.

A Philtoa venture with the Department of Tourism for the promotion and development of WOW Philippines packages last year has also yielded significant domestic tourism interest from the public. A report by the Philtoa on the usage of the WOW packages last summer and during long weekends provided basis for better domestic travel in the immediate future.

Alegre also attributed the improve climate for domestic tourism to increased tourism appreciation by local governments which exert tremendous influence on the growth and development of tourism in their respective localities. Philtoa has received early bookings for exhibition space for the 13th PTM through its event management team, the Global Visions Events and Marketing Network Inc. which can be reached at Tel. Nos. 687-7704 and 687-7794 and at email address: *give_mktgnet@pilnet.com.*

Me and My Nokia confessions of a certified mobile user

Sports savvy executive's hotline is NOKIA 8850

Hectic and balanced may be the one phrase that best describes this man's lifestyle. For Tomas "Tom" Carrasco, Jr., President and General Manager of Asia Pacific Insulation, Corp., his days are a combination of balancing his challenging day job, an equally demanding passion for sports, and family concerns.

"Everyday is hectic as I have to plan out and divide my time. I usually start the day by integrating key plans across units in Asia Pacific Insulation," said Tom. According to him, the company is the leading brand in glass wool insulation - providing many different types of insulation products to cool homes and buildings.

Tom uses his Nokia 8850 to call for meetings, get updates or text instructions to his managers. With a phonebook that manages up to 500 names and numbers, Tom is ensured he can get in touch with the right people all the time. The Nokia 8850's Profiles and Caller Group settings also offer easy caller selection and identification.

Away from work, Tom is involved in a host of sporting organizations. He is an Executive Board Member of the Philippine Olympic Committee, is the Philippines' Chef de Mission to the 2002 Busan Asian Games in Korea, and the President of the Triathlon Association of the Philippines. He also represents Asia in the International Triathlon Union (ITU), the world's governing body in triathlon.

With the traveling that he does, Tom taps into his Nokia 8850's Real Time Clock, which adjusts itself automatically according to whichever time zone he is. Back home, Tom also uses the alarm, as he likes to get to his races about two hours early.

Asked where his interest in sports - particularly the demanding swim, bike, run mix of the triathlon - stems from, Tom shared that he used to be part of a family marathon clinic for non-athletes. After training for nine months, he was able to complete seven full marathons and hundreds of short races. The progression to race organizing naturally came next.

"The challenge is always to come up with a good race...a good, safe race not only by local standards, but international as well," said Tom. With a hint of pride, he added that "in 1997, we organized the 6th Asian Triathlon Championship in Subic. We were adjudged the best and most organized." Tom believes that triathlon is the future of Philippine sports, one of the most promising venues where local athletes can showcase their talents for the gold.

From sporty to spiritual

Aside from sports, Tom waxes philosophical about his spiritual side. "God has been good. An added bonus is the comfortable but simple life we live. My wife and I built our resources with good education as an initial investment," beamed Tom. Indeed, it has been a long, steady climb to the top of the professional ladder for this self-made man, a graduate of BSBA Accounting from the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

Giving his time and attention to national sports, particularly triathlon, is Tom's way of sharing his blessings. He made the once elite Philippine sport available to students and the underprivileged as well. With limited government funding, heading this young sport in the Philippines requires good marketing to source out the much-needed funds, if not shelling out from his own pocket.

Round-the-clock communication

Because of his busy, on-the-go personal and professional schedule, Tom relies on one communication tool he simply can't live without: his Nokia 8850.

"I'd be paralyzed without this," said Tom, referring to his cellphone. "My business cards have my mobile number. My bosses in Malaysia and Singapore use it for important calls. And when my athletes join international competitions, this is on for 24 hours in case they need anything."

On what features of the Nokia 8850 he likes best, Tom said that when traveling in remote areas of the Philippines or abroad, the reception is good. This is due to the phone's dual band functionality. "It's a durable partner, very discreet. I like it," he added. The Nokia 8850's matt alloy casing, elegant and ergonomic design, and internal antenna undoubtedly contribute to the phone's streamlined overall appearance.

The young-looking GM also recounted that while directing a race in the rain, his phone got soaked but still worked just fine. As for personalizing his phone, he has the five Olympic rings as a logo. The Nokia 8850's white illuminated display is an added bonus for Tom, who's also a heavy texter.

Would he recommend the Nokia 8850 to other people? "Definitely. I even bought one for my wife.",

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From the family of the late

Montano "Monching" Luna Diaz, Sr.

who peacefully joined his Creator
on August 30, 2002

JESUS R. GONZAGA, JR.

of Manila and Norwalk, California
September 18, 1925 - August 23, 2002

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord and was buried on August 28, 2002 at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress, California.

His bereaved wife **Remedios Mañalac**; brothers and sisters **Gloria Antonio, Dante** (†), **Virgil, Galileo, Plaridel, Filipinas Blair** and **Aristides** are deeply grateful to their in-laws, relatives and friends who condoled and comforted them and who continue to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

In loving memory of

JESUS RODNEY M. SANTIAGO

On his 1st Death Anniversary

Holy Masses will be offered for him today,
Sept. 15, 2002 at the following churches:

St. John Bosco Retreat House Batulao, Batangas	9:00 a.m.
Sta. Maria dela Strada Parish Katipunan Rd., Brgy. Pansol, Quezon City	10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Sct. Ybardolaza, Kamuning, Quezon City	11:30 a.m.
St. Paul, the Apostle Parish Mother Ignacia cor. Timog Ave., Quezon City	5:00 p.m.
Christ the King Mission Seminary E. Rodriguez St. Boulevard, Quezon City	7:30 p.m.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Arlene Zaballa-Santiago
& the Santiago Family

DRA. NESTORA E. SAGAYADAN, D.D.M.

peacefully joined our Lord on September 13, 2002 at the age of 85

Her remains lie in state at the OUR LADY OF BEAUTIFUL LOVE PARISH in Merville, Parañaque. Interment will be on September 16, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina after the 12:00 noon Mass.

Renato Constantino

March 10, 1919 - September 15, 1999

On the third anniversary of his death,
his family remembers him with love and pride.

The economic programs implemented in the Philippines by the instruments of imperialism have bred more poverty, unemployment and suffering for the masses and large sections of the middle class. They have also driven local entrepreneurs oriented to the home market into bankruptcy. The sole beneficiaries of these programs are foreign investors and a narrow sector of Filipino exporters. With the repeated devaluation of the peso, increased taxation, spirailing inflation and other economic woes, discontent among the people finds fertile ground. Symptoms of political instability, anathema to foreign interests, become a fact of life, provoking repressive measures from the state and wholesale violations of democratic rights. The loss of economic sovereignty assumes another face: the erosion of democracy...

– Constantino, October 14, 1983

Col. ROSITA LEDESMA MAKALING (Ret.)

Former Chief Nurse - Philippine Navy
Member - 7th Military District Gerilla Unit
Negros Occidental
September 29, 1917 - September 12, 2002

Her sisters Milagros, Teresita & Nellie; nephews and nieces Susan, Danilo, Ramon, Dinna, Linda, Maria Teresa & Maria Cecilia request the pious readers to say a little prayer for the repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani on September 17, 2002 at 12:00 noon.

Message of Thanks

MGEN FELIPE "PIPES" C GAERLAN

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His parents **Manuel Sr.** (†) and **Elvira**; family, brothers and sisters, in-laws, relatives and friends, extend our utmost gratitude to everyone especially his comrades-in-arms in the AFP, for all the awesome display of love and sympathy during our deepest hours of grief.

We request the pious readers to pray and commend our beloved PIPES to the LORD'S restful embrace.

REMIGIO M. SALANG, JR.

Peacefully joined our Lord on September 13, 2002 at the age of 56.

His loving wife **Mila**; daughter **Louie**; son-in-law **Jimmy**; grandchildren **Tiara** and **Shin**; his brothers & sisters and His beloved Father **Remy Sr.**, nephews & nieces and other relatives request for prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel B-5, Second Floor, South Wing Bldg., La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at Subic, Zambales.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Brgy. Quintin Salas, Jaro, Iloilo City

September 12, 2002

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The National Food Authority, Region 6, Iloilo City invites interested NFA licensed grains businessmen in the Sale Through Market Determined Pricing (SMDP) of its local rice stored at the following provinces:

PROVINCE/WAREHOUSE	VARIETY OF BAGS			
	RMO	WMO	RRO	TOTAL
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL				
GID	7,381		187	7,568
GEQUILLANA	4,064		192	4,256
RL	16,431			16,431
SANSON	14,119			14,119
NAPRO	2,396			2,396
ILOILO				
KABSAKA	851	45		896
JARO GRAINS CENTER	327	7		334
AKLAN				
AKLAN GRAINS CENTER	376	21		397

The sale shall be on "as-is-where-is" basis at Php11.00 per kg indicative price. Offerors shall be required to post a bid bond in the form of either cashier/manager's check payable to NFA and equivalent to the following:

CLASSIFICATION	CAPITALIZATION	BID BOND
1. Small	Up to Php 20,000	5% of SMDP amount
2. Medium	More than Php 20,000-Php100,000	5% of SMDP amount
3. Big	More than Php100,000	10% of SMDP amount

The bid bond may be converted to performance bond once the award is made. Interested businessmen shall submit the following:

1. Certified copy of business license/NFA license/NFA registration.
2. If thru representative, duly notarized authorization to represent in SMDP activities.
3. A certification from Registration & Licensing section of the NFA provincial office from where the business is situated as to the capitalization bracket. (small, medium, big)

The above-stated documents can be submitted starting **September 16 to 18, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only to SMDP Secretariat**. SMDP terms and conditions and tender forms can be obtained from NFA Iloilo Regional Officer after paying a non-refundable fee of Php 200.00.

Schedule of SMDP - **September 19, 2002**, 9:00 a.m. and every Thursday thereafter until the stocks are exhausted.

Submission of Tender form together with bid bond shall be made during the auction proper right after the conduct of presale conference.

Venue shall be at NFA Iloilo Regional Office, Brgy. Quintin Salas, Jaro, Iloilo City. For more details, please contact Tel. Nos. **(033) 320-6246** and **329-2165**.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive any defects or informalities found therein and accept only such offers which in its judgment are most reasonable and advantageous to NFA.

(Sgd.) **LUDOVICO J. JARINA, CESO V**
Regional Director

(PDI - Sept 13 14 & 16 2002)

Department of Health
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE
Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City
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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) invites all interested parties to pre-qualify and to bid for the fabrication and installation of laboratory furniture in the Virology Department.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers, manufacturers and/or exclusive distributors of laboratory furniture are qualified to participate upon presentation of the following:

1. DTI business name or SEC Registration w/ Article of Incorporation
2. Business Permit
3. Mayor's Permit
4. BIR Value Added Tax Registration
5. Audited Financial Statements stamped "received" by the BIR for the past two calendar year
6. List of Laboratories and Institutions Served
   (Bring original copies)

Submission of the said documents and issuance of bid documents for qualified bidders will be at the Supply Department on **September 18, 2002** upon payment of non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 (One Thousand Pesos) for the proposal forms.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on **September 20, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Training Center of RITM.

Only Pre-qualified Bidders shall be allowed to attend the Pre-bid conference. Attendance to the Pre-bid conference is a must and failure to show up shall be deemed to waive his right to participate.

Submission of sealed bid documents will be on **September 25, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Training Center of RITM.

Sealed bid must be submitted on the scheduled day of bid opening accompanied by a bid security in the amount equivalent to two and a half percent (2 1/2%) of the total bid price. The bid security may be in the form of cash, Cashier's or Manager's check, bank draft or guarantee against any reputable bank, letter of credit issued by a commercial bank, surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof. Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals. Letters of authority to represent and sign documents must be properly notarized.

RITM reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect or informality therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Institute.

(Sgd.) SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI--Sept. 8 & 15, 2002)

CUTLER HAMMER ASIA CORP.

Canlubang Industrial Estates
Canlubang, Calamba, Laguna

INVITATION TO BID

CUTLER HAMMER ASIA CORPORATION (CHAC) invites sealed bids for the sale of its Land with area of 27,871 square meters and Plant Building with an area of 3,500 square meters complete with 250 kw Caterpillar standby genset, fire hydrant loop with an Independent Diesel driven pump and 55,000 gel. h2o concrete reservoir, roof insulation, airconditioned offices, loading & unloading concrete deck and 20hp submersible d/well pump. **Property appraisal P120m.**

Minimum bid : **P72m**

Site inspections : **September 23-October 4, 2002**
Bid submission : **October 8, 2002 (9 a.m. to 12 noon)**
Opening of bid : **October 8, 2002 (2 p.m.)**

Bid security in the amount of P200,000 in the form cashier's or manager's check or cash or bank guarantee for the bid security shall be required from the bidder.

CHAC reserves the right to reject any bid or all bids or accept the bid most advantageous to the company.

All bids shall be submitted to the Bidding Committee, Cutler Hammer Asia Corporation, at the plant site.

For other details pls. call Mr. Carlos, 8427919 or 049-549 7597 or cell 0917-500-1014.

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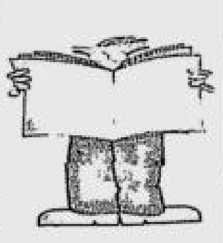

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AMA COMPUTER UNIVERSITY

AMA Building II
#59 Panay Avenue, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID

AMA Computer University is inviting interested Triple "A" contractors to undertake in the construction of the proposed new AMA Building II located at #59 Panay Avenue, Quezon City. The following are the criteria for the bid conference :

1. PCAB accredited Triple "A" General Contractor;
2. Competence in Multi-storey construction;
3. Specialized in Structural Steel construction;
4. Must have Resource capability;
5. Must have Manpower capabilities;
6. Committed in finishing the project.

Interested contractor shall submit a complete Company Profile which contains PCAB license as Triple "A" contractor, Business Registration, SEC and Articles of Incorporation, List of Equipments and Personnel, List of projects handled, Contract of Agreement (for Joint Venture), Organizational Chart, Letter of Intent and Financial Statement. All company profile shall be submitted on or before the bid conference.

The complete bid documents in English can be secured at the Purchasing Department, AMA Building II, #59 Panay Avenue, Quezon City upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos Only (Php.2,000.00) in the form of Cash or Manager's Check payable to AMA Computer College.

All bids must accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 2% of the total bid amount.

A bid conference for the pre-qualified contractors is scheduled on September 27, 2002, 10:00 AM at the Conference Room, AMA Building II, #59 Panay Avenue, Quezon City. Look for Emmauel Morales.

Bid proposal shall be submitted at the Purchasing Department on or before 3:00 PM of October 18, 2002 (Friday).

AMA Computer College reserve the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any and all informalities therein, and accept the bid it deems most advantageous to the company.

THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, CONSTRUCTION, AUDIT, TREASURY, BUDGET, ACCOUNTING, ADMINISTRATION, PROPERTY, PURCHASING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY

PNOC Building VI Energy Center
Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Metro Manila
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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (PNOC) invites accredited Suppliers/Contractors to submit sealed bids for the following requirements.

Project Title	Project Number	Pre-Bid Meeting	Bid deadline
Design, Layout and Printing of 2001 Annual Report	WO-02-079	September 24, 2002 2:00 PM	October 8, 2002 2:00 PM
Two (2) year Internet Leased Line Connection Service (Re-bid)	WO-02-058	September 24, 2002 2:00 PM	October 8, 2002 2:00 PM
Messengerial Services (Re-bid)	WO-02-061	September 26, 2002 2:00 PM	October 10, 2002 2:00 PM
Supply of Purified Drinking Water/Water Dispenser (Re-bid)	WO-02-062	---------	October 10, 2002 2:00 PM
Photocopying Services (Copier-Rental) (Re-bid)	WO-02-069	---------	October 10, 2002 2:00 PM
Maintenance of Fire Protection System (Re-bid)	WO-02-066	---------	October 10, 2002 2:00 PM
Analog Line Card (for Definity G31) Single Line Analog Telephone Sets (Re-bid)	GS200224	---------	October 15, 2002 2:00 PM
Rack Servers (Re-bid)	CD200204	---------	October 15, 2002 2:00 PM
Application Softwares (Re-bid)	CD200207	---------	October 15, 2002 2:00 PM
Smart Array Controller and Hard Drives (for Compaq Server)(Re-bid)	CD200210	---------	October 16, 2002 2:00 PM

Interested ACCREDITED parties may obtain bid forms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per bid package from the PNOC-Property and Supply Management Division (PSMD) at the G-F of the PNOC Building.

Interested parties who are not yet accredited must first pass the pre-qualification process. Pre-qualification documents-checklist is available (M-F, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at the said address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00, which must be accomplished and submitted to PSMD on or before *September 27, 2002.* Failure to pre-qualify would render the concerned parties automatically disqualified from this bidding.

For purposes of clarifying issues, interested parties are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting as scheduled.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to 10% of the total bid price but not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), secured from any one of PNOC's accredited bonding companies.

The PNOC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive formality therein or to accept such bids or to award any work that are considered most advantageous to the company.

(Sgd.) ATTY. PEDRO A. AQUINO, JR.
Senior Vice President
Legal Admin. & Estate Mgt. Services

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PEA TOLLWAY CORPORATION
PEATC Compound, San Dionisio
Aguinaldo Blvd., Parañaque City

"INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID"

PEA TOLLWAY CORPORATION hereby invites all interested bidders/contractors to submit application for eligibility to bid and subsequently to bid, if eligible for the:

A. **NAME OF PROJECT:**
Repaving/resurfacing of Identified Asphalt Pavement Bleeding, Crocodile Cracking & Shoving/Rutting Areas along the R-I Expressway

B. **SCOPE OF WORKS:**
  - B-1. Milling/Scraping of Existing Pavement
  - B-2. Application of Bituminous Tack Coat
  - B-3. Laying of Asphalt
  - B-4. Blotting of Mild Bleeding Areas
  - B-5. Patching of Potholes
  - B-6. Repainting of Affected Lane Markings
  - B-7. Traffic Management

C. **APPROVED AGENCY ESTIMATE: P1,758,232.54**

D. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATE:**
September 17, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. Conference Room, PEATC Compound, San Dionisio, Parañaque City

E. **SUBMISSION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**
September 18-27, 2002

F. **BID DATE: September 30, 2002**

G. Terms of Reference (TOR) can be acquired at the Office of the BAC Chairman, c/o Engr. Briccio B. Huliganga,Jr., Engineering & Maintenance Department, PEATC Compound, San Dionisio, Parañaque City.

H. PEATC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any formality therein and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is the most advantageous to the Corporation. Further, PEATC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **DELIA C. HIPOLITO**
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Sept. 11 & 15, 2002)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will conduct a bidding for the supply, installation and make operational a complete car paging system per BSP scope of work and specifications consisting of the following:

a) Two (2) units - Power Amplifier
b) One (1) unit - Pre-amp mixer
c) One (1) unit - Speaker Selector
d) One (1) unit - Monitor Panel
e) One (1) unit - Desk Microphone
f) Twelve (12) units - Reflex Paging Horn Speakers
g) Two (2) units - Three way, three speakers system
h) One (1) unit - Customized Equipment Rack

Interested bidders must submit/comply with the following requirements:

1) Must be in the business of installing Car Paging/PA Systems or similar installation in the Philippines for at least five (5) years;
2) List of satisfied clients and on-going projects in the Philippines on Car Paging/PA installations for the past two (2) years similar in scope of the subject project; and
3) Product brochures of offer.

The above requirements, together with the photocopies of documents listed below (original copies of items 1 and 2 to be presented for authentication purposes) shall be submitted not later than **September 30, 2002** to the Manager II, Procurement Division II, Administrative Services Department, Room 213, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey building, BSP Complex, Malate, Manila, Tel. Nos. 5252-493/524-8229.

1) Articles of Incorporation and Business Registration Papers;
2) Year 2001 duly Audited Financial Statements (Balance Sheet with a networth of at least P500,000.00 and Income Statement);
3) Business Licenses/Permit;
4) Year 2001 Income Tax Return; and
5) Company History/Profile;

Only those who comply with the above requirements will be invited to participate in the actual bidding which will be conducted on a later date to be advised.

The two envelope system shall be adopted in the bidding.

The BSP hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as to waive any defects or informality in such bids, and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) **EDUARDO L. MAGAHIS**
Director

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Series of 2002

Subject: Omnibus Amendments to AO No. 5 Series of 2002

In view of the Office International des Epizooties (World Organization for Animal Health) recognition of Visayas, Palawan and Masbate as additional FMD-free zones, the following italicized provisions shall be the amendments to Administrative Order No. 5, series of 2002, on the Revised Rules and Regulations on the Control and Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD):

1. The Introduction shall be amended by adding two Whereas Clauses as paragraphs 7 and 8, thus:

   WHEREAS, Mindanao and Masbate-Palawan-Visayas were recognized as FMD-free zones without vaccination last 30 May 2001 and 31 May 2002, respectively;

   WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain the OIE recognition of Mindanao and Masbate-Palawan-Visayas as FMD free zones;

2. Section 5 on Shipment Restriction in Luzon shall be amended to read, as follows:

   Section 5. Shipment Restriction in Luzon

   Paragraph 2
   Shipment of any of the two possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1 and 2) is allowed *among Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao,* subject to the provisions of Section 3.

   Paragraph 3(a)
   FMD susceptible draft animals may be shipped from any point in Luzon *to Bicol (Region V) except Masbate, Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV except Palawan provided the animals have an accompanying health certificate indicating that the animals have been vaccinated at least twice against FMD; an "Authority to Ship" from BAI (permit authorizing the Provincial Veterinarian to issue a shipping permit) and a shipping permit issued by the Provincial Veterinarian.*

   Paragraph 3(b)
   FMD susceptible breeder/fattener animals may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V) except Masbate, Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV except Palawan. Same provision as those for draft animals shall apply and the breeder/fattener animals must only come from accredited farms.

   Paragraph 3(c)
   Locally sourced meat, which are fully processed or cooked may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol(Region V), Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV provided there is an accompanying NMIC certificate and BAI permit.

   Paragraph 3(d)
   Imported meat, their semi-processed and fully processed meat products may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V), Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV provided they come from an accredited establishment and the semi-processed meat products have not been mixed with locally sourced meat during the processing and storage. The shipment must have an accompanying NMIC certificate and BAI permit.

3. Section 7, on Shipment Restriction in the Visayas, is amended to read as follows:

   Section 7. Shipment Restriction in the Visayas

   Shipment of any of *the possible* sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. *1 to 5*) is allowed within the Visayas.

   Shipment of the same is allowed from the Visayas to Mindanao, Palawan, Masbate and Luzon.

4. Section 8, on the Shipment of FMD Vaccines, is amended to read as follows:

   Section 8. Shipment of FMD Vaccines

   Shipment of FMD vaccines to *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and Mindanao *and other FMD free areas* is not allowed unless it is covered by a special permit from the Bureau of Animal Industry.

5. Section 12 on Loading/Unloading of FMD susceptible animals, meat, meat products and by products from/by shipping vessels, airline vessels and other common carriers as well as cargo forwarders is amended to read as follows:

   Section 12. Loading/Unloading of FMD susceptible animal, meat, meat products and by products from/by shipping vessels, airline vessels and other common carriers as well as cargo forwarders

   Paragraph 2
   Shipping lines originating from FMD affected areas and destined for *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas shall see to it that all livestock vans or crates are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before loading. They shall also install footbaths at the foot of the stairs or gangplanks, and require all passengers to step on the footbaths as they board or disembark from the vessel.

   Paragraph 3
   Shipping lines docking at the ports of *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas shall not source their food supply requirements—particularly meat and meat products from FMD affected areas—intended for the officers, crew and passengers. They shall also properly dispose of their garbage and swill in accordance with the recommendations of the DA-RFU VQS office in the port concerned.

   Paragraph 4
   All ships, airplanes, reefer vans and other transport carriers going to *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas shall be subjected to pre-departure and arrival inspection by the DA-*RFU* VQS officers.

6. Section 13, on NMIC Certification, is hereby amended to read as follows:

   Section 13. NMIC Certification

   In addition to a shipping permit, meat and meat products bound for shipment to *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and* Mindanao and other FMD free areas must be accompanied by a Certificate of Inspection issued by the NMIC, in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The certificate must certify the wholesomeness of the products and that these have not been exposed to or contaminated with the FMD virus.

7. Section 14, on Transshipment of Imported Animals and Meat, is hereby amended to read as follows:

   Section 14. Transshipment of Imported Animal and Meat

   Paragraph 1
   Imported FMD susceptible animals destined for *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and Mndanao and other FMD free areas may be transshipped through Luzon or Visayas, provided they must stay only at the port during the transshipment to prevent any possible *infection* with the FMD virus.

   Paragraph 2
   Imported meat and meat products destined for *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas,* Mindanao *and other FMD free areas* may be transshipped through Luzon and kept temporarily in a storage facility duly accredited by the NMIC, *BAI and DA-RFU VQS of the recipient region in Masbate, Palawan, Visayas, Mindanao and other FMD free areas.* The facility's accreditation is *renewable* every six months.

   Paragraph 5
   Only imported meat, which passed inspection by the Veterinary Quarantine Service at the port of entry, may be shipped to Mindanao, *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and other FMD free areas. Imported meat which needs further processing in Luzon before shipment to Mindanao, *Masbate, Palawan,* Visayas and other FMD free areas can only be processed in establishments duly accredited by a team from the NMIC, BAI and the DA-RFU VQS of the recipient region in *Palawan, Masbate,* Visayas, Mindanao *and other FMD free areas.* The firm's accreditation is renewable every six months.

8. Section 20 on the Effectivity Clause is hereby amended to read as follows:

   Section 20. Effectivity Clause

   This order shall take effect *fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation,* and its filing with the UP Law Center.

Approved this 23rd day of August 2002 in Quezon City, Philippines

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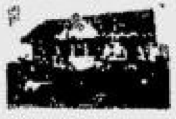

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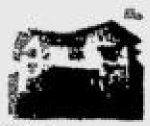

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late THELMA N. IGNACIO was extrajudicially settled among her heirs as per Doc#18; Page#5; Book XXX; Series of 2002.
(PDI-Sept. 8, 15 & 22, 2002)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARIANO V. BELEN has been extrajudicially settled per Doc 10 Page 3 Bk IV Series 2002 of Notary Public Atty. Juanito Glori of Quezon City (PDI-Sept. 8, 15 & 22,2002)

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PERSONAL

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(PDI – Sept. 15, 2002)

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ROWENA PALICPIC ESTRELLANES

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(PDI--Sept. 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 & 22, 2002)

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(PDI-Sept. 15 & 22, 2002)

Wine that spurred revolt tastes like good business

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—The spirit of the native wine that spurred a 19th-century rebellion has lived to this day in every bottle of basi (fermented sugarcane juice) produced in the century-old tradition of fermenting *usang* (sugarcane extract).

Never mind if the stamp of the so-called Basi Revolt of Piddig, Ilocos Norte, is lost on the face of a company's packaging material which carries the rustic touch of famous colonial houses of Vigan in nearby Ilocos Sur.

Camillo Abadilla, owner of Cormel Foods, which manufactures *suka* (Ilocanos put the stress on the second syllable) and *basi*, claims his product logo hit the market way before Vigan began popularizing its turn-of-the-century houses following their inclusion in the United Nations list of World Heritage Sites.

But Abadilla does not intend to file any claim for property rights because he did not apply for patent when he introduced the Vigan-inspired house as his logo.

Abadilla, however, remains comfortable with his product's mistaken identity as Vigan-made just as long as it represents an Ilocano-made commodity.

Vigan basi

In fact, Vigan produces its own basi. But according to Abadilla, his products are also being sold in various Vigan outlets.

Cormel Foods started marketing the Ilocos basi and vinegar in 1995 when Abadilla's wife took up her post-graduate studies.

MOST sugarcane growers are also basi makers. But only the older folk have maintined the craft of basi-making.

His wife's masteral thesis tackled the transformation of basi production from a backyard enterprise into an industry.

"She took it as a challenge to revive this century-old commodity. Back then, the production of basi was limited to local consumption," Abadilla says.

Most sugarcane growers are also basi makers. But only the older folk have maintained the craft of basi-making, which originated in Piddig, 16 km from here.

A backyard grower, Blas Cristobal, 59, in Barangay Mangngato here inherited the art of perfecting basi from his late father. He is actually the third generation of Cristobals that made a living out of basi-making.

But unlike Cormel Foods, Cristobal does not intend to expand his market outside the city. He makes about 200 jars of basi in one production period, which is equivalent to a year's supply.

"My home is my outlet and my market are my neighbors," Cristobal says.

From garlic to wine

His biggest buyers are middlemen who often buy basi by the truckload.

Cristobal used to grow garlic but switched to sugarcane production when he found out that there was always money in basi-making.

"It takes about six months to ferment the basi. But we end up selling just a month after it is processed because customers can't wait to have a fix of basi," he said.

Cristobal has also switched to using a mechanized sugarcane mill instead of the traditional *dadapilan* (a mill run by a carabao) to speed up the extraction process.

The gasoline-operated mill cuts the process about three-fourths of the way the carabao takes to grind the sugarcane.

Except for the mechanized grinding, basi-making here is all natural—from the ingredients used down to the fermentation process.

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After it has been cooked and impurities are removed, the juice extract are placed inside the *burnay* (Vigan jars) for mixing. The

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A squeaky clean future for the car?

SINDELFINGEN, Germany,—Unlike the sleek and snarling Mercedes coupes screaming around DaimlerChrysler's test track, the lowly Chrysler "Town and Country" mini-van consumes neither petrol nor diesel. It runs on soap.

The plain white mini-van does not have the Mercedes' looks, its power steering is broken and the acceleration is leisurely—but as it arcs round the banked curve of the circuit at Sindelfingen near the south German city of Stuttgart, this everyday vehicle may be the car of the future.

In tubes and tanks under the chassis, something very like soapy water mixed with hydrogen called sodium borohydride and similar to borax found in laundry detergent, is being tested as one of the latest ideas to power a car with a fuel cell.

Fuel cells use hydrogen and oxygen to make electricity and water. Add an electric motor and you can build a car which emits no pollutants.

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Some have heralded hydrogen as the energy of the future, but skeptics say it will always be just that—a future fuel which for a host of reasons never makes it out of test cars.

One problem is that hydrogen is difficult to store—as a gas it is very bulky and in liquid form it needs to be kept at -253 degrees Celsius (-423.40 degrees Fahrenheit).

The DaimlerChrysler "Natrium" vehicle on the test track at the firm's Sindelfingen factory gets round this by storing the hydrogen as sodium borohydride, a non-toxic solution that can be pumped in and out of the vehicle safely and cleanly.

The van can travel 500 km on one tank, has a top speed of 130 kph and feels like any other car to drive.

Unlike hydrogen, the sodium borohydride "fuel" is non-flammable and relatively compact.

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From grief to speed

By Cathy Babao Guballa

PIA Cayetano has always been a runner. She wears many hats—as lawyer, mother, wife and businesswoman. But running has always been a major preoccupation of this former member of the Philippine women's volleyball team. "I'm athletic but not hardcore," Pia says.

She was born with a competitive spirit and running has always been a part of her life. Recently, however, the sport has played an important role in her healing process, after her only son Gabriel passed away when he was but 9 months old on Sept. 15 last year. Gabriel was Pia's third child and he was born with a very rare disorder called Trisomy 13. "He was not expected to live beyond a month, and yet, God lent him to us for nine," Pia says.

Losing a child is a life-changing experience with a wound that cuts so deep there is just no word to describe the hurt. Such an experience can change a parent's heart in two ways—harden it or transform it and fill it with compassion. Together with husband Butch Sebastian, Pia found relief from her sadness

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In memory of the son she lost to a rare disease, Pia Cayetano runs marathons to raise money for a foundation taking care of sick poor kids

RUNNING FOR GABRIEL. Pia Cayetano and husband Butch Sebastian

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Kids will have fun while learning to tell time with Paddy & Co., which features three bear cubs. They will travel back in time with Woolly Mammoths and friendly prehistoric animals! Sea Friends, with its sun and starfishes, bring the sea closer to little girls while Yowling Cats Scuba, with cats dressed as villainous pirates, will carry boys away to an adventure world. Young sporty types will like the Fun Ride Scuba with its easy-to-read numerals on a rotating bezel and two badges printed on its fabric strap.

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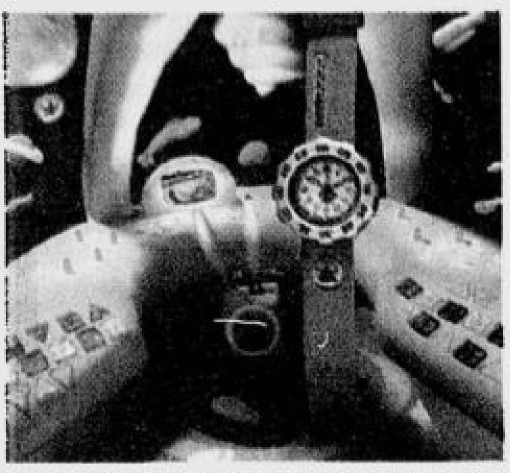
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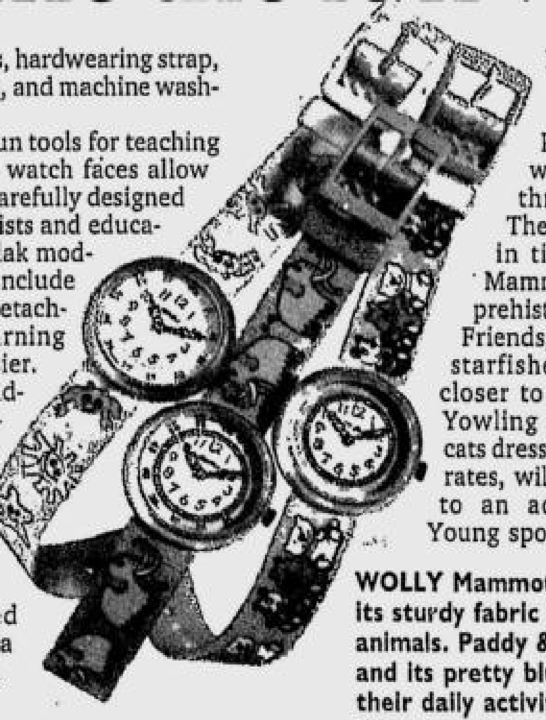
WOLLY Mammoths is an invitation to time-travel, with its sturdy fabric strap adorned with prehistoric animals. Paddy & Co., with its 3 adorable bear cubs and its pretty blue strap, will accompany children in their daily activities. With Sea Friends, its sun, crabs and starfishes, holidays are not far away!

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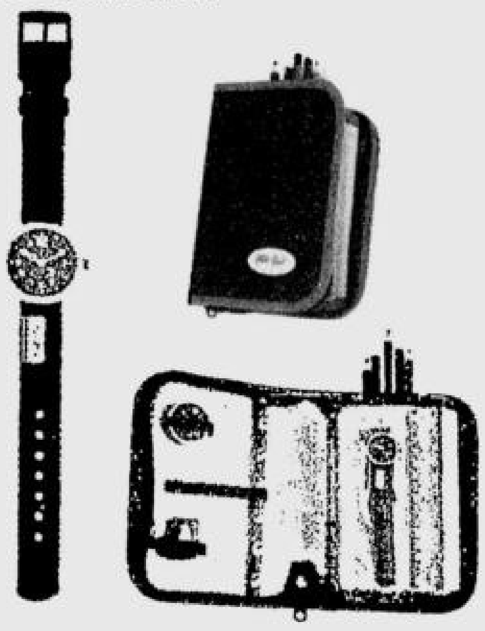
HAVE fun at school with Flik Flak's school kit. It comes with its very own pencil case packed with loads of items!

From grief to speed

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by running.

Deep sadness

After the death, she was in a state of deep sadness. While peering out of the French windows of her home-office one day, she felt the urge to run. "The view was so inviting. It was a quiet afternoon, and the roads in the village were empty," Pia says.

Pia found herself picking up her running shoes and heading for the door. "From that time, running became my time with Gabriel. You see, I'm a real busy person and when I'm alone with my thoughts, that's when I think of him the most," she explains.

Pia would find herself running both in the rain and in the sunshine. "There were times I would be crying while running or laughing when I remembered something good about him," Pia says.

From running 3 km a day in November last year, Pia was able to build up her record to an impressive 30 km by April this year. By May, she was running at a good pace of 10 km per hour and for periods of four to four-and-a-half hours per run, three times a week.

Together with husband Butch, she flew to San Francisco in July and participated in the Chronicle Marathon, a 42-kilometer run, last July 28. They dedicated the run to the foundation that they put up in their son's memory—Gabriel's Symphony (www.gabrielsymphony.com). "Our foundation was formed through the generosity of friends and family who joined us in our small attempt to make life a little better for sick indigent children," she explains.

The foundation, by far, has funded four cleft lip operations. Among his many birth defects, Gabriel also had been born with a cleft lip. But he never had the surgery because he was always very sick. "It costs an average of P7,000 per child for surgery at the PGH," Pia says.

Post-operative care

Gabriel's own midwife Nita Aquino has stayed on with Pia's family and she would take care of the babies, assisting their parents from the moment they go for their first check-up at the hospital until the time they go back home post-surgery. "We also give them post-operative care, by sending Nita to check on their homes regularly to ensure that they are recovering properly," Pia says.

Pia and Butch were able to raise a little over P50,000 from pledges made by their friends. "For every kilometer that we ran, people would pledge various amounts. For example, if someone pledged P10 for every kilometer we ran, that's 10 x 42 = P420, which will buy medicines for the procedure," Pia explains.

Some of their friends, Pia says, even placed "bets" on Butch and herself. "I crossed the finish line at four hours and 30 minutes, and 18 minutes later, Butch crossed the finished line as well," Pia smiles.

No medals were won in this particular race. But it raised enough money to change the lives and future of seven children who will now have a better chance at life because of a baby gone too soon and his parents who finished a race in his memory.

For more information on Gabriel's Symphony, e-mail blessings@gabrielsymphony.com

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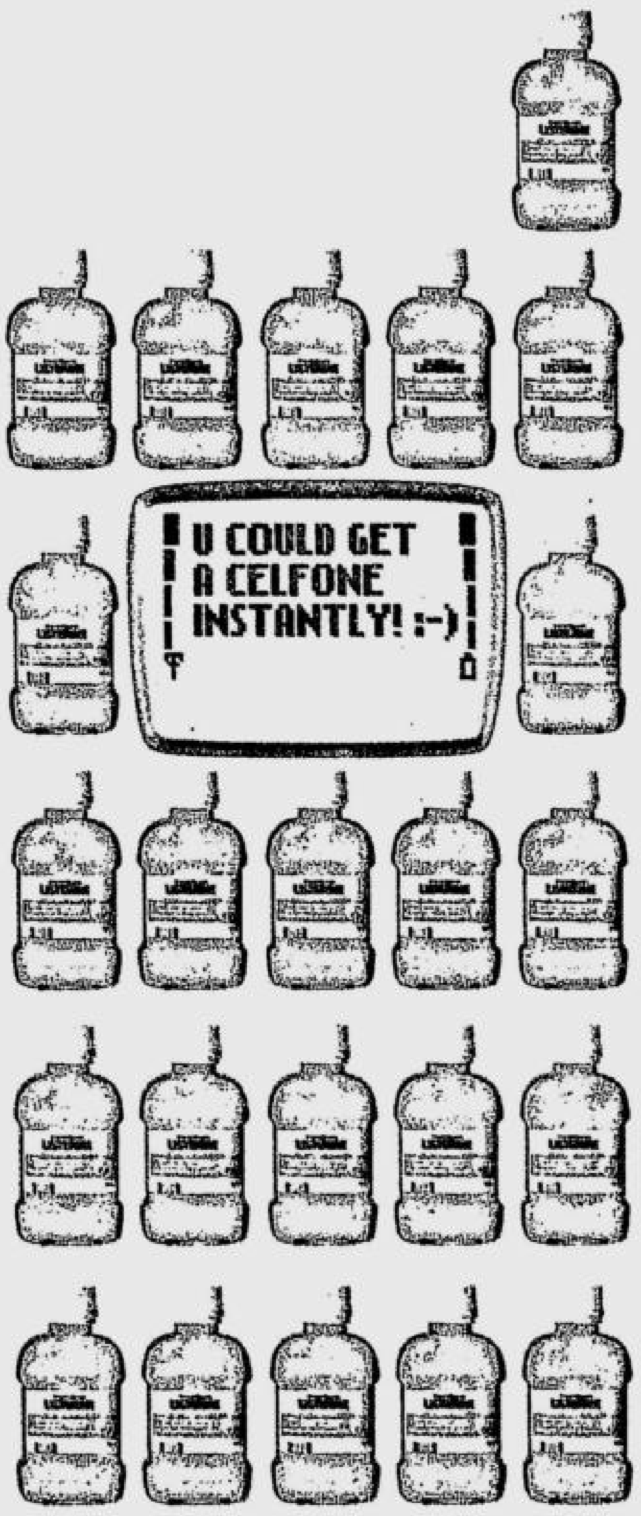

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EXPERIENCE another fun-filled activity at the mall as Alabang Town Center, the premier shopping and entertainment mall south of Manila, holds the "Pooh Friendship Day" on Sept. 20-22 at the Activity Center.

Kids will surely enjoy walking through the Hundred Acre Wood as their favorite Disney characters Winnie The Pooh, Piglet, Tigger and Eeyore join them in a meet and greet activity that will also feature dress-up houses, interactive games, arts and crafts stations, pastry decorating contests, and a live musical show celebrating the meaning of friendship scheduled at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Kids can also get a chance to have their pictures taken inside Pooh and Piglet's houses. Pooh souvenir and novelty items will also be on display at the Village Gift Shop located at the Activity Center beginning tomorrow.

Fun treats ongoing at malls

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Furthermore, you can take advantage of Dream Town's Ride for 2 offering and get two pay-per-ride tickets for the price of one. With this, you can fully enjoy Dream Town's rides and attractions.

Videogame fanatics, on the other hand, are guaranteed to have maximum action and adventure with Dream Zone's Play 5 promo. Here, you can get a free token when you purchase five tokens. You and your *barkada* can virtually live out your dreams and be your favorite cartoon hero in a game of Tekken Tag 4, Marvel vs Street Fighter, Alien vs Predator and more. Dream Zone also has redemption games where you can win collectible items. You can also sing to your heart's content at its videoke booths,' or simply groove at Dance Dance Rev.

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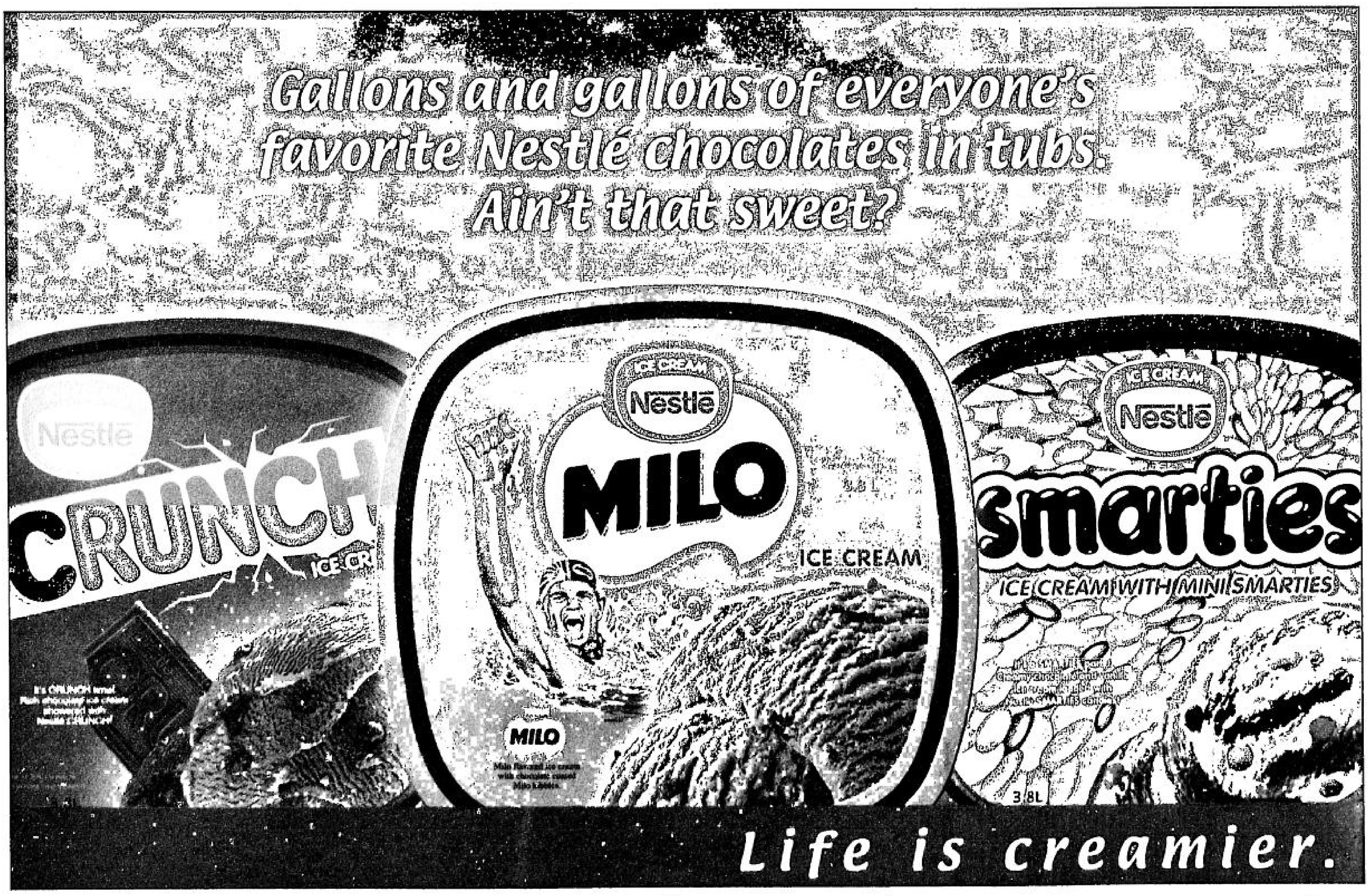
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Purposeful play

Text by Cathy Babao-Guballa
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TWO women who are married and have children in their thirtysomething years have embarked on a business where play has a definite purpose.

Ann Tan and Jackie Aquino-Gavino have opened Gymboree Play and Music center (tel. 890-7529) on the 2/F of the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell, bringing to Manila the pioneer and worldwide leader of parent-child play and music programs.

Gavino and Tan were introduced late last year. In January, they decided they wanted to bring Gymboree to the Philippines.

"We went to the headquarters in San Francisco to train for two weeks, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., in anything and everything that had to do with Gymboree Play and Music," Aquino says.

Their final project, so to speak, was to teach three classes before they were finally awarded the master franchise.

Gymboree was started in 1976 by Joan Barnes, a San Francisco mother who at that time was also looking for a safe, fun and nurturing place for new parents and children to play together in.

World of wonder

Entering Gymboree Play and Music center, one is transported to a world of wonder where bright colors and soft play equipment dominate the large and spacious room.

"From the moment they walk into the door, parents can see that we've created an environment where kids can feel confident to touch, explore, play and have fun," says Tan, managing director of Gymboree in the Philippines.

The play equipment has been custom-designed by Jay Beckwith, a nationally respected playground designer in the US with over 30 years of experience. The more than 45 pieces of equipment can be reconfigured to create hundreds of different playscapes featuring high, low and in-between structures for climbing, rolling, balancing, bouncing and sliding. The equipment are designed to meet the needs of newborns through 5-year-olds.

Classes have been developed to provide a range of age-appropriate challenges and skill-building exercises that allow each child to participate and learn at his or her own pace.

Tan says parental involvement in the programs offered at Gymboree is a critical element because of its many benefits. "First is the educational benefit. Parental support and inter-action help the child learn. Second, the social benefit that a parent gets from having the opportunity to meet other parents and share information with them. Last, but perhaps more important, is the emotional benefit found in one-to-one interaction between the parent and child."

The programs offered are based on a blend of child development theories rooted in sensory stimulation, which is a key factor in the cognitive development of children. Highly trained teachers, most of whom have a background in early childhood education, lead play classes that are customized for the appropriate developmental stages incorporating movement, exploration, experimentation and fun.

The classes come in a progression developmentally appropriate for children and their

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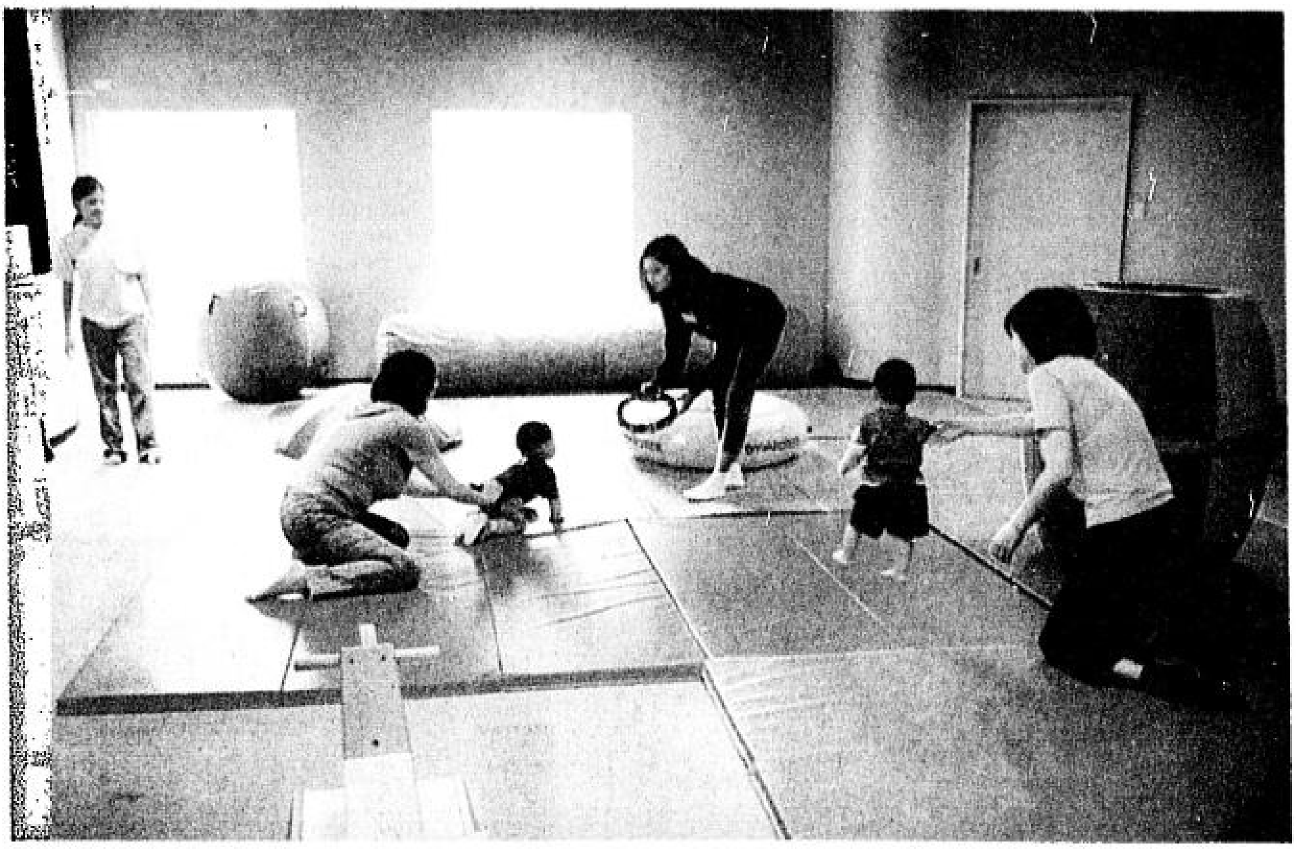

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OWNERS Jackie Aquino and Ann Tan with Gymboree teachers

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parents. Primary consideration for placement is based on a child's overall development. GymBabies class (birth to 6-month-olds/premobile infants), focuses on sensory play and stimulation. GymWalkers (10- to 18-month-olds/cruisers and early walkers) focuses on socialization, strength, walking balance and coordination. GymExplorers (2-year-olds) focuses on exploration of imaginary themes and creativity. GymKids (3- and 4-year-olds), focuses on listening skills, cooperative play and coordination.

Music, too

Listening, singing, playing and creating are the focus of Gymboree music classes. Every three weeks, a new musical style is introduced, such as jazz, classical, rock and roll or reggae. Together, parents and children explore instruments, rhythm and beat.

There are three class levels offered for newborn through 4-year-olds. Quarter Notes for newborn until 16-month-olds is an introduction to music where children learn about pitch, rhythm, tempo and melody.

The Half Notes class, for 16- to 30- month-olds, is an exploration of foundations of musical development incorporating song, dance, rhythm and instrument exploration.

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Gymboree focuses on childhood development for children newborn to 4 years old only because these are the years crucial to the child's brain development. Gymboree takes this scientific knowledge and translates it into activities that these children respond to and enjoy. As a result, its play and music programs and equipment are tailored to maximize a child's early learning experiences.

The programs are focused on babies, toddlers and preschoolers, with sensory and motor activities that help stimulate physical, intellectual and social development.

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Read to Lead campaign to be launched today

THE READ to Lead nationwide campaign, spearheaded by Visine eye drops, will be formally launched today at 2 p.m., with the holding of the first "Readshow" at the fountain area of Robinsons Galleria.

The Read to Lead "Readshow" is a monthly event to be held at different malls in Metro Manila. It aims to share with students and mall-goers alike the benefits of reading. Leading personalities from various sectors of society will discuss during the "Readshow" why they love to read and how reading has helped them excel in their careers.

TV host and commissioner of National Youth Commission Bam Aquino and writer Lexi Revilla-Schulze will be the Readshow hosts.

For today's "Readshow," guests include Apo Hiking Society's Jim Paredes, Bb. Pilipinas-Universe 2001 Zorayda Andam and basketball star Vince Hizon.

The hosts, their guests and students from several schools in the area invited to attend the event will hold an interactive discussion. There will be a musical number as well as raffle draws with attractive prizes at stake.

Read to Lead is sponsored by Visine in cooperation with National Book Store, PowerBooks and the Reading Association of the Philippines.

Country fair in Tagaytay

WEEKEND trekkers to Tagaytay City are in for a special treat. "Colors and Flavors in Tagaytay," a country fair, will be held until today, and on Sept. 21-22, at the Ming Ramos Garden Center along Tagaytay-Sta. Rosa Road.

The two-weekend fair will showcase the best arts and crafts and food products that come mainly from the Southern Luzon area. Some products are for the Christmas gift-giving season.

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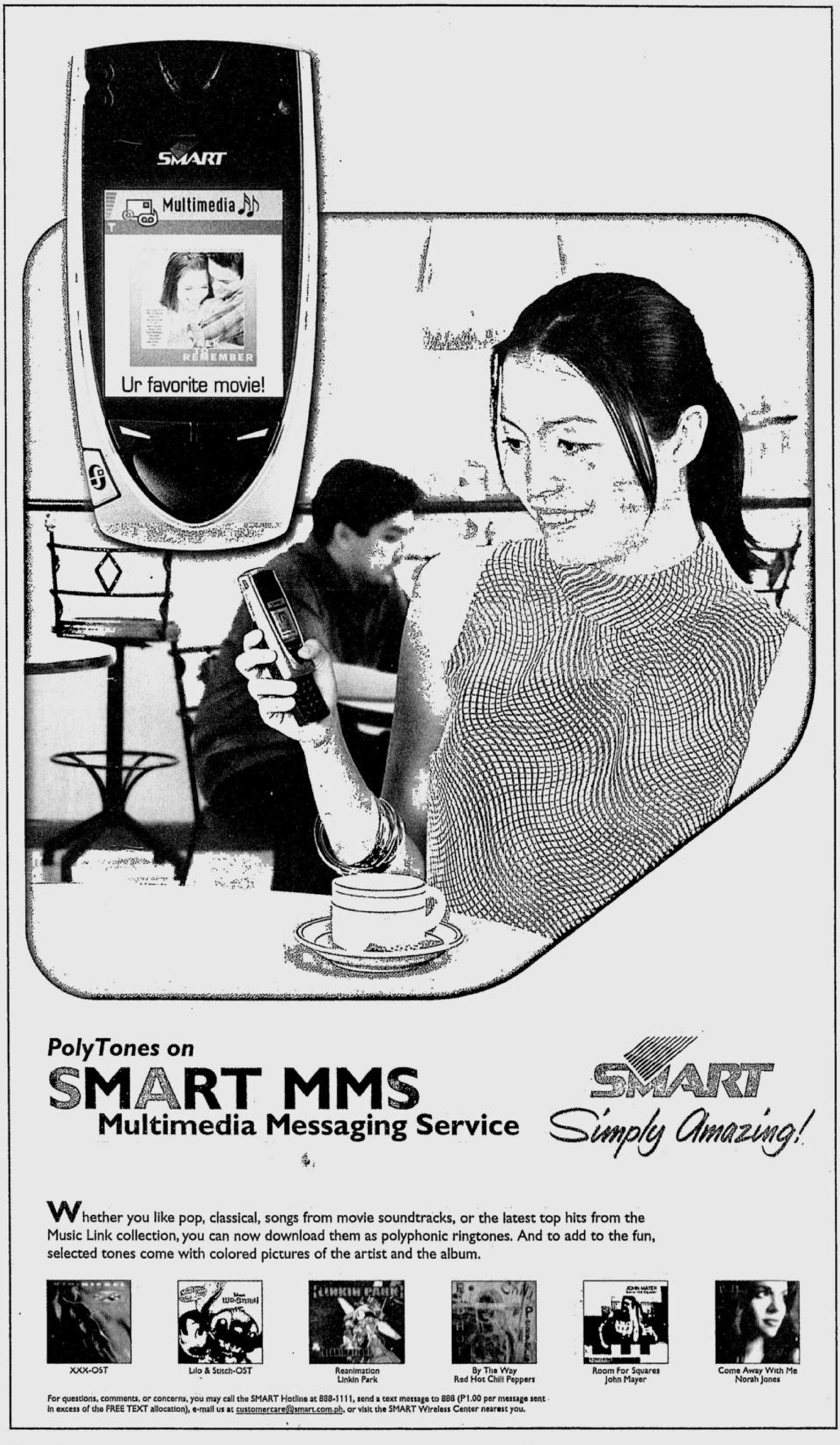

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Leisure park joins Children's Hour fund campaign

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ENCHANTED Kingdom joins the prestigious roster of Philippine companies and corporations supporting Children's Hour, a global fund-raising campaign led by the International Youth Foundation and its partner organizations in 20 countries.

Children's Hour asks individuals and companies to donate an hour's worth of their earnings to support programs for the welfare and development of children and the youth. Enchanted Kingdom president and CEO Mario M. Mamon said the leisure park would donate to the campaign all ticket sales made at the last hour of park operations on Dec. 24 and 31. The park has also started a voluntary employee salary contribution scheme. Children's Hour coin cans will also be placed around the park for guests' contributions.

This year's launch, held at the Glorietta Activity Center and hosted by Ayala Foundation program manager Evangeline Mayuga and 11-year-old wiz kid Justin Cebrian, raised more than P1.2 million. Former President Corazon C. Aquino is honorary chair of the Children's Hour steering committee.

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, Ayala Corp. president and CEO, is chair of the steering committee, while ABS-CBN Foundation Inc. managing director Gina L. Lopez is vice-chair.

Others in the committee are McCann Erickson Phils. chair and CEO Emily A. Abrera, International Social Service Philippine Network president Corazon Alma de Leon, AB Capital and Investment Corp. chair and CEO Ramon R. del Rosario Jr., Gen. Renato S. de Villa (ret.) of the Independent Insight Inc., Phil. Association Smelting & Refining Corp. chair and president Carlos G. Dominguez, former UN ambassador Narcisa L. Escaler, WG&A vice chair Bob D. Gothong, Miriam College president Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, Makati Business Club executive director Guillermo M. Luz, AP Madrigal Steamship Inc. president Susana A. S. Madrigal, Union Bank chair and CEO Justo A. Ortiz, Venture for Fund Raising executive director Mayan G. Quebral, Philippine Daily Inquirer president Ma. Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez, Roxas and Company Inc. EVP and treasurer Pedro E. Roxas, BBB Management president Ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan Jr., and Bishop Socrates Villegas, auxiliary bishop of Manila.

MAMON congratulates Prieto for a successful Children's Hour launch.

Animation festival kicks off today

"KUWENTONG Kayumanggi," an animation festival featuring Filipino myths and legends, kicks off with a gala opening at Cinema 2 of Robinsons Movie World in Robinsons Galleria, Ortigas, on Sept. 15, 7 p.m. The gala opening is strictly by invitation only. However, there will be simultaneous screenings of the animation feature for the general public during the launch.

The screenings will go on until Nov. 30. They are open Monday to Saturday, 5-10:30 p.m., and whole day Sunday.

Pre-bookings are accepted for morning and afternoon screenings, which are done Monday to Saturday. Call 551-9430.

There will be launches in various parts of the country, such as in Gaisano Country Mall in Cebu on Sept. 21, and Gaisano Mall Davao, Oct. 5. The launch dates in Iloilo and Cagayan de Oro will be announced later.

For bookings, call (032) 253-4274 (Cebu), and (082) 224-5495 or 96 (Davao).

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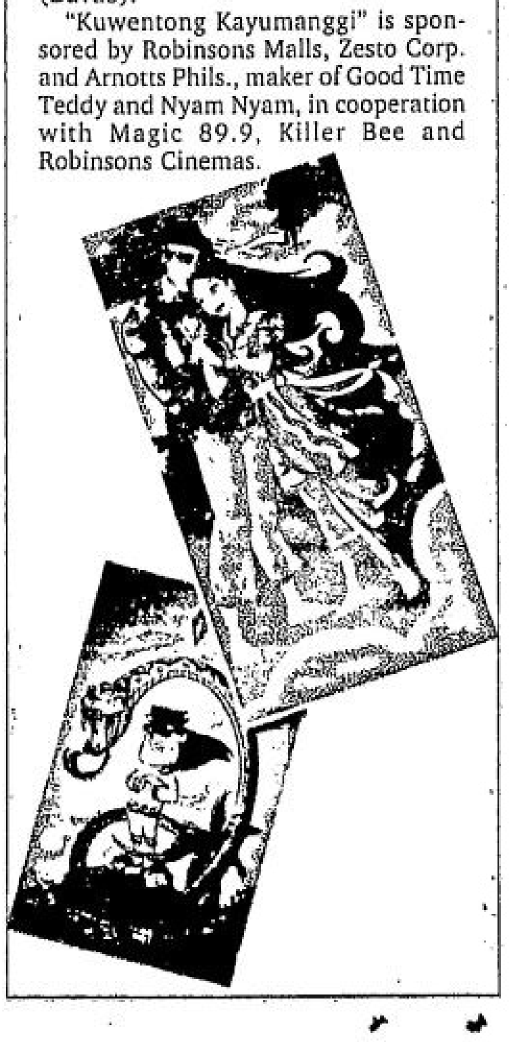

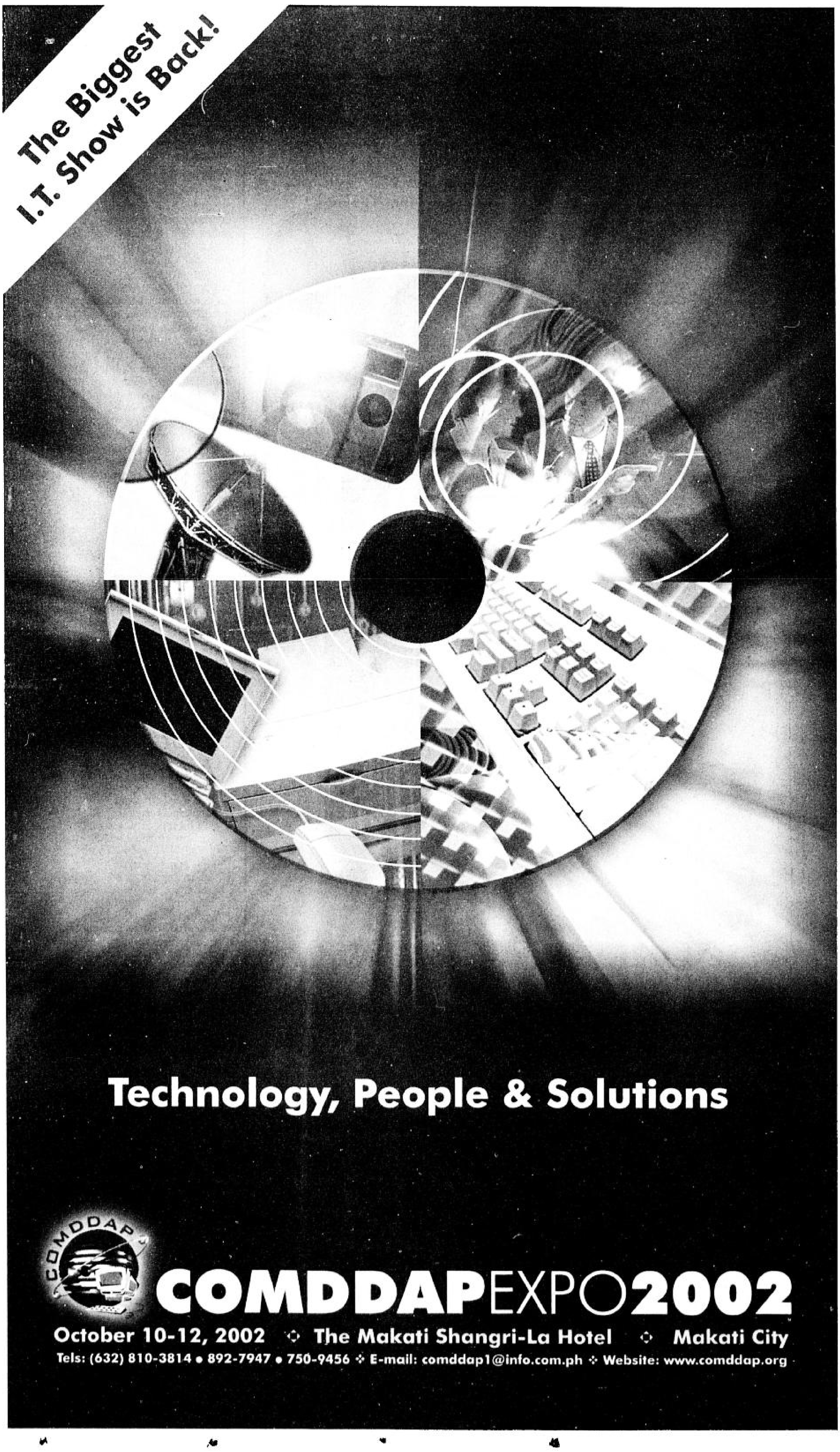

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Araneta Center presents elephants with amazing skills

THE 10 lovable elephants are up for a rigid training with their mahouts as part of their preparation for the upcoming "Elephant World" in Araneta Coliseum this October.

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And now, the elephant, its ancestry dating back to 50 million years, is honored by the Araneta Center with "Elephant World," where 10 elephants will show their rare intelligence and amazing skills. The elephants, weighing 200 kg-2.5 tons, will provide entertainment as well as direct interaction with the audience starting October in a grandstand that Araneta Center has made just for the event.

"Elephant World" is a manifestation of the respect and admiration given by Filipinos to this lovable and playful gigantic miracle of nature. This is a once-in-a-lifetime treat for the family since it is the first time these amazing elephants will show their talents in the country. The elephants were flown to the country so Filipino children can see how elephants live, play and interact with people.

"These visiting elephants are ready to entertain both young and old Filipinos," says Manny Atacador, ACI vice president for amusements. "Their acts will include playing and shooting basketballs or kicking soccer balls, racing against other elephants and interacting with visitors."

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Of course, the elephants will demonstrate their skills with the aid of their mahouts, or human trainers. These professionals stay with them 24 hours a day when these lovable animals are working as beasts of burden or performing.

The elephants at the Araneta Center are taught to mix and perform with people, especially children. Araneta Center officials have devised various activities for children, such as elephant painting done on elephant *papier mâché*. They will also allow and teach visitors the proper way of feeding these elephants during which peanuts, bananas, apples and carrots, along with other elephant treats, are to be made available.

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Foundation makes youths' dreams come true

THE PHILIPPINES may have be-come the "texting capital" of the world, but the distinction is lost on Aborlan, a town some 60 km south of Puerto Princesa, the capital of Palawan. In fact, Aborlan does not even have landlines in this age of information technology and cyber-space.

But while modern communication technology may have failed to reach Aborlan, the AY Foundation Inc. (AYF), the social development arm of the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC), has established its presence in the agricultural town where majority of the population belongs to the Tagbanua indigenous community.

Since 1998, the foundation has supported yearly a total of 10 Tagbanua scholars at different levels at the State Polytechnic College of Palawan. Rhoda Arangorin, 21, and Mary Jane Liska, 29, two of the first AYF grantees, have since graduated with degrees in rural development. Nerissa Limsa, 23, another scholar who has graduated, has a degree in agribusiness.

All coming from farming families, the women were actually already enrolled at SPCP, but with very little hope of being able to complete their studies, when they learned of the AYF scholarship grants. Liska says she is one of 10 children, while Limsa comes from a brood of seven. Arangorin has three other siblings.

LIMSA, Liska and Arangorin, all native Tagbanuas

Grateful

Farther south, in General Santos City in the island of Mindanao, Muslim students Rustom Alid, Janne Mutalib, Sheryl Apelacio and Faiza Mamalumpong—all in college—and Bal Nazrah Mamalumpong, a first year student at the Notre Dame High School, are equally grateful to AYF for the opportunity to pursue their education. The five are among a total of 33 young Muslim scholars of AYF in the two-year implementation of the program in southwestern Mindanao.

Alid is an agribusiness student at the Mindanao State University; Apelacio and Mamalumpong are both economics major at the Notre Dame College in General Santos; and Mutalib is a hotel and restaurant management student at the Mindanao Polytechnic College.

"If I did not get the (AYF) scholarship, I would have had to wait four years or until my twin sister graduated before I could go to college myself," said Mutalib.

Mamalumpong was also uncertain about pursuing her education. She had been left in the care of her grandmother after her mother remarried to a man with nine children and a nephew to care for. With her mother's own four (including herself), the couple was overwhelmed by the 13 children they had to raise.

Mamalumpong said her elder sister opted for an early marriage, while an older brother decided to work after graduating from high school. She was bundled off to live with her grandmother, who was dependent on a son who worked in the Middle East.

Today, all five scholars are able to focus solely on their studies without having to worry where the money for the next term's school fees and other expenses were to come from.

Scholarship grants

The scholarship grants for the Tagbanuas and the Muslims are part of AYF's efforts to repay communities for the patronage and support that allowed YGC firms to grow and prosper. They also seek to translate into concrete terms the principle laid down by Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco, AYF and YGC chair.

Yuchengco said, "Corporate well-being is manifest not only in hefty dividends. It is also evident in community integration and responsiveness. It is not enough to have successful business ventures. It is just as important to respond to the needs of the community we find ourselves in." The AYF/YGC chair talks about the social return on investment, or SROI, which is realized by a company's investment on projects and programs that will benefit the poor in such ways as good health, education, higher income and better housing.

Both groups of scholars in Aborlan and General Santos appreciate the fact that getting and maintaining their AYF grants were easier compared to other programs.

Alid had, in fact, had already qualified for a scholarship at MSU, but found the terms of the AYF grant much more generous and flexible. Although the prestigious university makes it tough for him to maintain the 2.5-point average or its equivalent required to continue enjoying the AYF grant, Alid is happy to be a Yuchengco scholar.

In SPCP, an individual semester grant amounts to about P11,000 covering allowance, and purchase of books and uniform. Grants for Muslim scholars, on the other hand, range from P10,000-P15,000, although Florante G. Santiago, RCBC vice president and area head for Southwestern Mindanao, said one or two exemptions had been made to allow scholars to enroll in the more expensive Ateneo campuses in the region.

How to qualify

Qualifying for an AYF grant, as the scholars have attested to, is quite easy. They are asked to submit proof that the annual family income does not exceed P250,000, a certification that they come from a cultural community, and an average rating of not less than 80 or its equivalent. Of course, the scholar has to pass the entrance examination in the school of his/her choice.

Santiago said scholars were free to choose the course they would pursue and the school where they would enroll. Although the grant ceiling in Southwestern Mindanao was P15,000, he said exemptions had been allowed as in the case of the Ateneo enrollees. He added that school fees were paid directly to the educational institute while stipends were given every month to the scholars.

Right now, the Mindanao scholars' main concern is simply maintaining the point average required to continue their status as Yuchengco grantees. But grantees at SPCP who have graduated are now thinking about life after college. Despite the government agencies' often-heard lament that they could not recruit people for remote areas, both Arangorin and Liska, who took up rural development because they wanted to work in Aborlan or at least some part of Palawan, could not get the jobs they were trained for.

Arangorin works as a sales person while waiting to get a job where she could use her learning, while Liska does short-term contractual work for an Aborlan-based non-government organization. Limsa is back in school earning education units to qualify as a high school physical education teacher.

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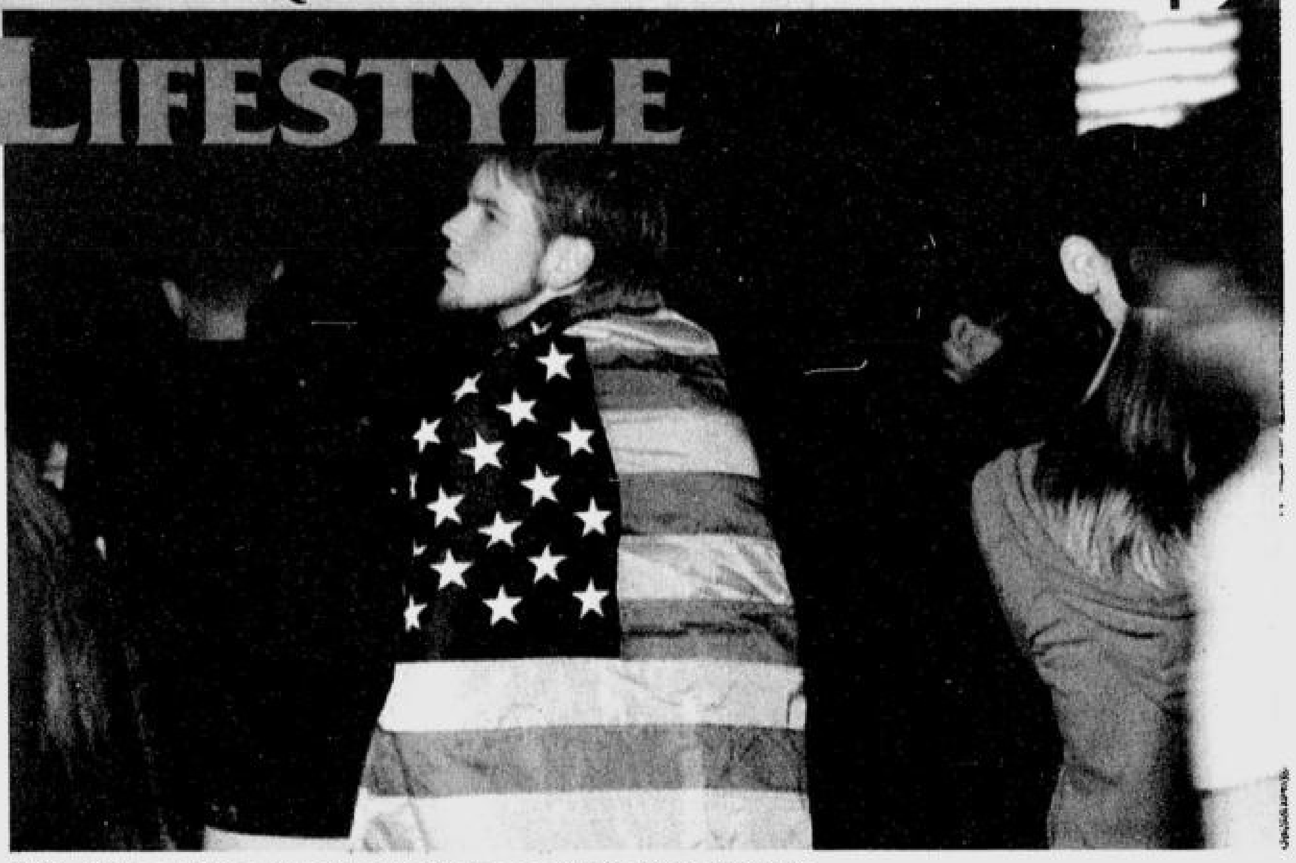

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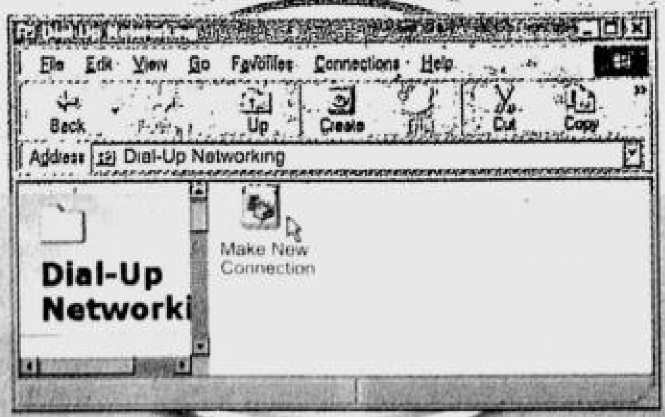

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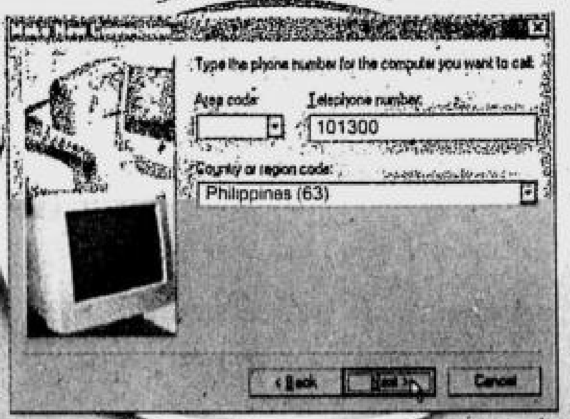

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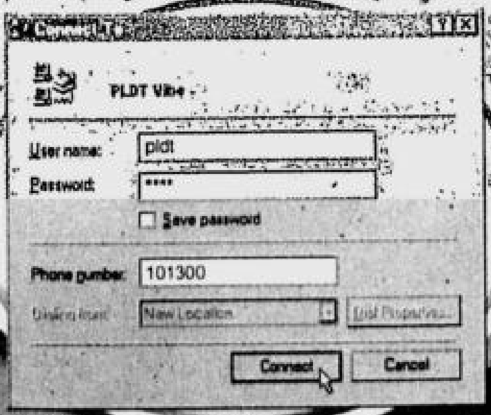

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Rafaelita Golez installed as 2nd president of Liceo de Cagayan University

FRIENDS and relatives of **Rafaelita "Oche" Pelaez Golez** in Cebu went to Cagayan de Oro for her installation as the second president of Liceo de Cagayan University. One of the most eminent and important institutions of learning in Visayas and Mindanao, the university was founded in 1953 by her late parents, lawyer **Rodolfo Pelaez** and **Elsa Pelaez**.

The campus stretches along the banks of the Cagayan River, which gives its name to the city and, as the title indicates that once upon a time (some say even up to now), swept gold nuggets from the distant mountains to the Mindanao Deep. The university complex is right beside the old Pelaez estate with its imposing mansion, La Castilla.

Many still recall how it sparkled with brilliant lights and bloomed with rare flowers that night in April 1972, when Rafaelita married the dashing Dr. **Jose Maria Golez** from Iloilo. It was written in the stars that he be assigned to Cagayan de Oro and never leave, and greatly contribute to its development.

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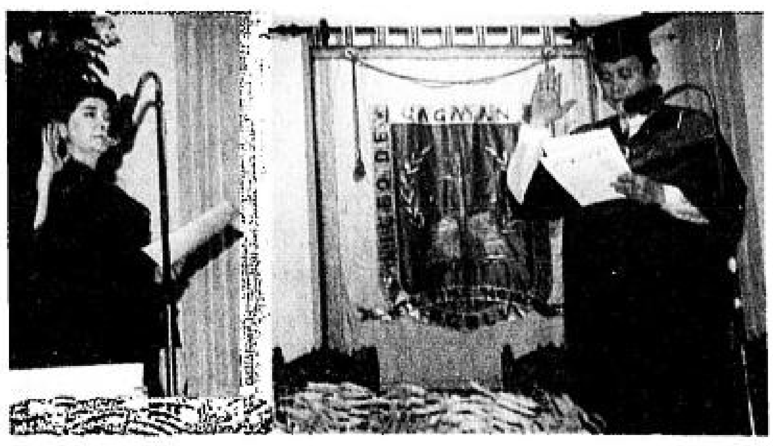
La Castilla became their home until they built another house nearby to raise their family. They have two sons: **Rudolf "Dingru" Golez**, an accomplished pianist, and **Alain Golez**, who married **Tanya Aldrich** last year. They have made the family's happiness complete with the birth of a baby daughter—**Graziella Majela**.

The flight from Cebu to Cagayan de Oro on Asian Spirit was comfortable and pleasant. Msgr. **Rudy Villanueva** and I were whisked by Alain and Tanya from the airport to the beautiful Xavier Estate Club, and proceed to the Golez home for lunch. It was going to be quite special as Dingru was celebrating his birthday.

RAFAELITA Pelaez Golez receives the presidential collar from Vice President Teofisto Guingona.



RAFAELITA is administered the oath by Vice President Guingona.

DR. Jose Ma. Golez

Dingru was playing beautiful music on a white grand piano; Don Paul Pelaez was leading everyone to the nursery to admire Graziella; Joe Golez was expansively welcoming one and all; and Rafaelita was giving screams of surprise from the gloriette in the garden. **Albert Garbanzos** had asked friends to put up an ad congratulating her that day in the INQUIRER, and he was showing her the page.

Installation ceremonies

The installation ceremonies were set 5 p.m. at the university gym, starting with a Eucharistic service. Concelebrating were Msgr. **Rodolfo Roa**, Msgr. **Tex Legitimas** and Msgr. Villanueva. The homily was delivered by Rev. Fr. **Joseph Matitu**, SSS. The academic rites followed, with Liceo de Cagayan University's dean of the graduate school, Dr. **Bienvenido Flores** as host.

The entire ceremony was done with clockwork precision and elegance; it seemed like the coronation rite of a European monarch. The university band blew bugles, rolled drums and played such fanfares as to generate quite a stir for the entrance of Rafaelita, donning a black silk with red velvet trimming. And yet, beside all those bonnetted venerables, she was still a wisp of the girl we always knew.

There was a romantic touch to it all as she was about to assume the post held for more than 20 years by her beloved husband. It was during his tenure that the lyceum became a university. On this occasion, he was made its chairman emeritus, making the event one of double significance.

His Excellency **Teofisto Guingona**, Vice President of the Philippines, administered the oath of office to Rafaelita, and graciously accepted the request by Dr. Golez to assist him in the conferment of the presidential collar. Figuring prominently in the ceremony were Dr. **Mariano Lerin,** vice president for academic affairs; directors **Martin Penaco**, VP for administration and finance, and **Antonio Soriano**, secretary of the board.

A formal reception followed at the Xavier Sports and Country Club where a splendid dinner was served, attended by the cream of Cagayan de Oro's sophisticated society. The university's G-Clef Society presented a program of beautiful songs, while the dance troupe performed a series of dances inspired by the culture and traditions of Northern Mindanao. The young dancers were nimble, and wore dazzling costumes.

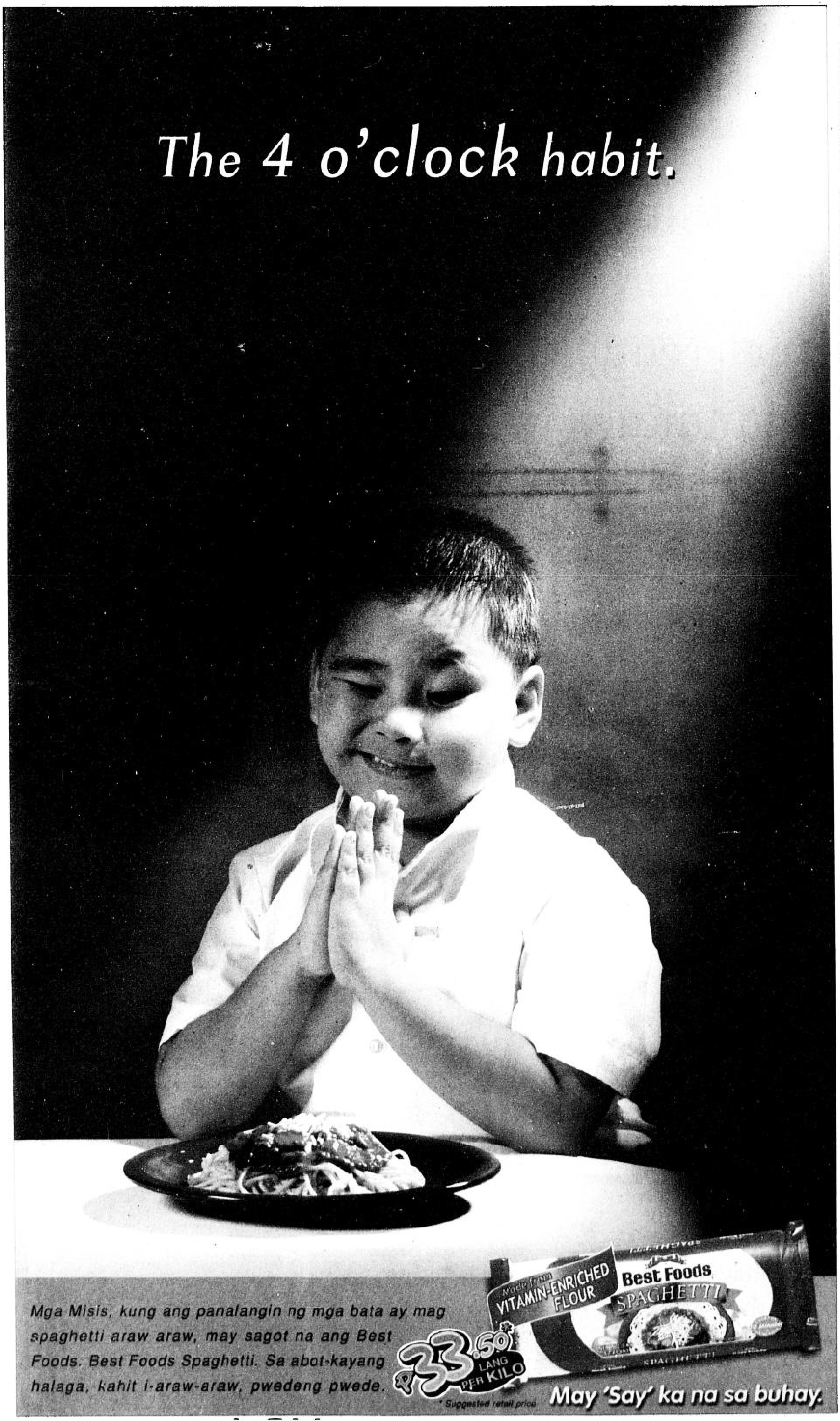
Dance music was played for the rest of the evening, and the best at it were Joe and Oche Golez themselves. Msgr. Rudy and I were happy to be in the company of Dingru Golez and listen to his "musical" conversation. Our table had added sparkle with the presence of Manila jeweler **Lili Adina**, who is her own best model for the truly fine products that have made her famous.

We will have another celebration in Cebu, promised Joe and Oche, who are building themselves a home on a hill in Marias Luisa Park. It is patterned after an Italian villa, and it will be more than just a home for them away from Cagayan de Oro. Rafaelita's mother being from Cebu, and her having studied at Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepcion (CIC), make her have dozens of relatives and dear friends here.

What's more, Joe and Oche may just open a Cebu campus for Liceo de Cagayan University in the next five or six years.

Speaking about CIC, its alumnae president **Cirilita Cabahug Fortuna** and vice president **Angeling Labucay Escaño** would like to inform all Inmaculadistas that the annual homecoming this year will be on Dec. 8. They will make it a memorable occasion like no other. CIC is one of the oldest schools in the Philippines, established by the Daughters of Charity in 1880.

RAFAELITA Golez with her son Rudolf (left) and Msgr. Rudy Villanueva



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Top travel agents treated to an exciting party

THE ANNUAL British Airways (BA) Top Agents Awards Night, held recently at the Makati Sports Club, soared to a new level of fun when travel agents did not only proved their mettle in sales, but showcased their hidden talents as well.

Held in BA Manila's tradition of recognizing the contributions and support of travel agents in the strong presence and growth of British Airways in the country, this year's bash was graced by no less than BA general manager for Greater China and the Philippines, Fernando Suarez, and BA revenue manager for China and the Philippines, Charles Roberts.

BA Manila's all-women team was also in full attendance, headed by country manager Violy Echevarria, together with marketing manager Natalie Puey and sales manager Marissa Saavedra, who hosted the event.

The travel agency sector was well-represented: Fiesta Tours and Travel's Dolly Fortun, Regent Travel's Connie Mamaril, Manila International Travel's Daisy Ople, Sharp Travel's Monet Joven.

Also seen were the ladies from Lucky Travel—Lulu Villanueva, Jenette Lista and Susan Sebastian; Lucille Chabeldin of Thomas Cook Phils.; Marilu Ngo of Sierra-Griffin Tours; Johnny Taguinod of Magsaysay Travel; and Thelma Dinoy of Philscan Travel.

Fifteen awards were given out to deserving travel agencies. Those who made it in this year's winners' circle were Argo Travel, Sharp Travel, Pan Malayan Travel, Travel Saver Phils. and Manila International Travel.

The Top 10 travel agencies were Instone Phils., Magsaysay Travel, Philscan Travel, Sierra-Griffin Tours, Thomas Cook Phils., Lucky Travel, Fiesta Tours and Travel, Regent Travel, Constellations Travel and Morning Star Travel.

Each winning agency received an original sculpture by renowned Filipino artist Rey Paz Contreras. Contreras signed the authentication certificates as the awards were handed out.

"We are very thankful for the immense support you extend to British Airways," said Suarez. "Rest assured that we at BA will do our very best in maintaining and even improving our services."

The mood took on a higher gear when travel agents prepared for the much-awaited presentation contest, where they showcased their creativity and knack for singing and dancing. Eight travel agencies participated in the competition, with a panel of judges composed of Suarez, Roberts, Contreras and BA PR consultant Edd Fuentes.

While the scores were being tallied, the ladies of the BA Manila team took to the dance floor and rendered their own surprise dance number. As BA's Marissa Saavedra put it, "We will not let you do things we are not willing to do ourselves."

Emerging victorious was the group from Fiesta Tours and Travel with their festive rendition of "Kalesa," followed by runners-up Thomas Cook Phils, Philscan Travel and Sierra-Griffin Tours.

Suarez commended the all-out participation of the contestants, praising them for their talents, although he feared "we might lose you to the entertainment business."

As the evening's festivities drew to a close, the BA Manila team expressed their gratitude for the support of the local travel agencies to BA for the past several years.

"The travel agents are very instrumental to our growth, that's why every year we look forward to throwing a fun get-together for them," said BA country manager Violy Echevarria.

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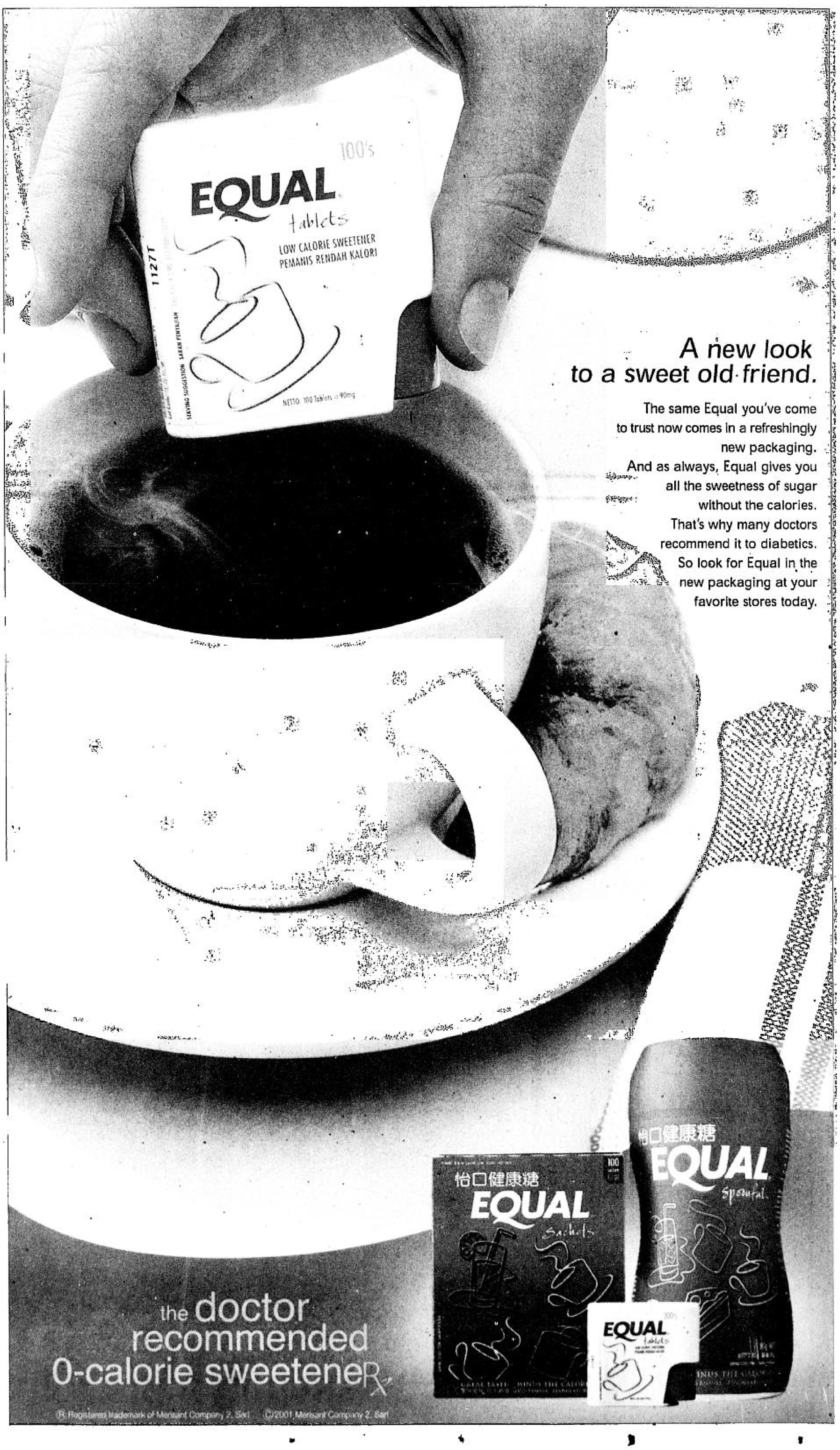

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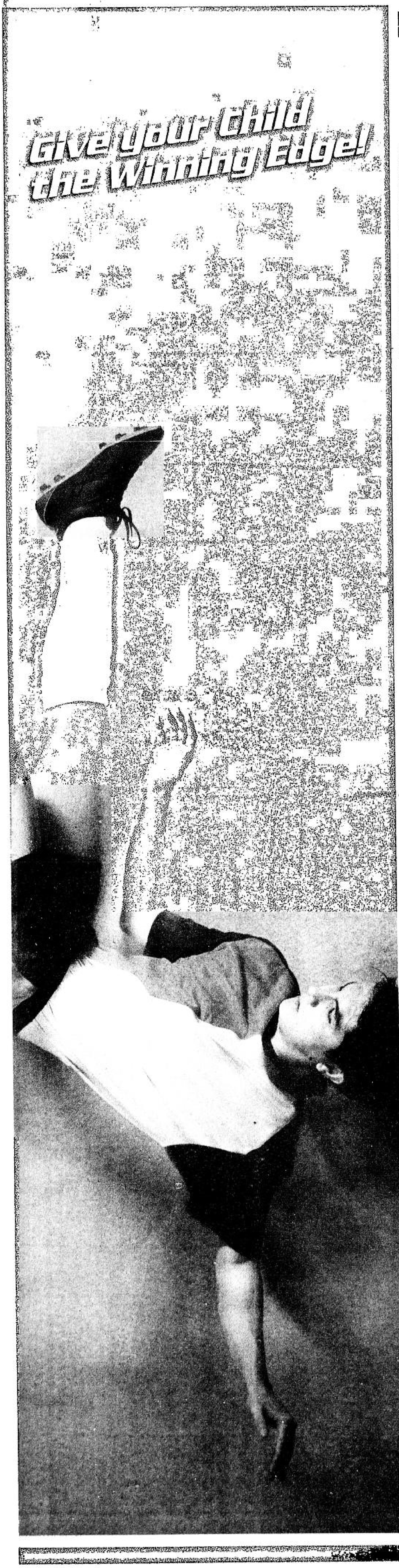

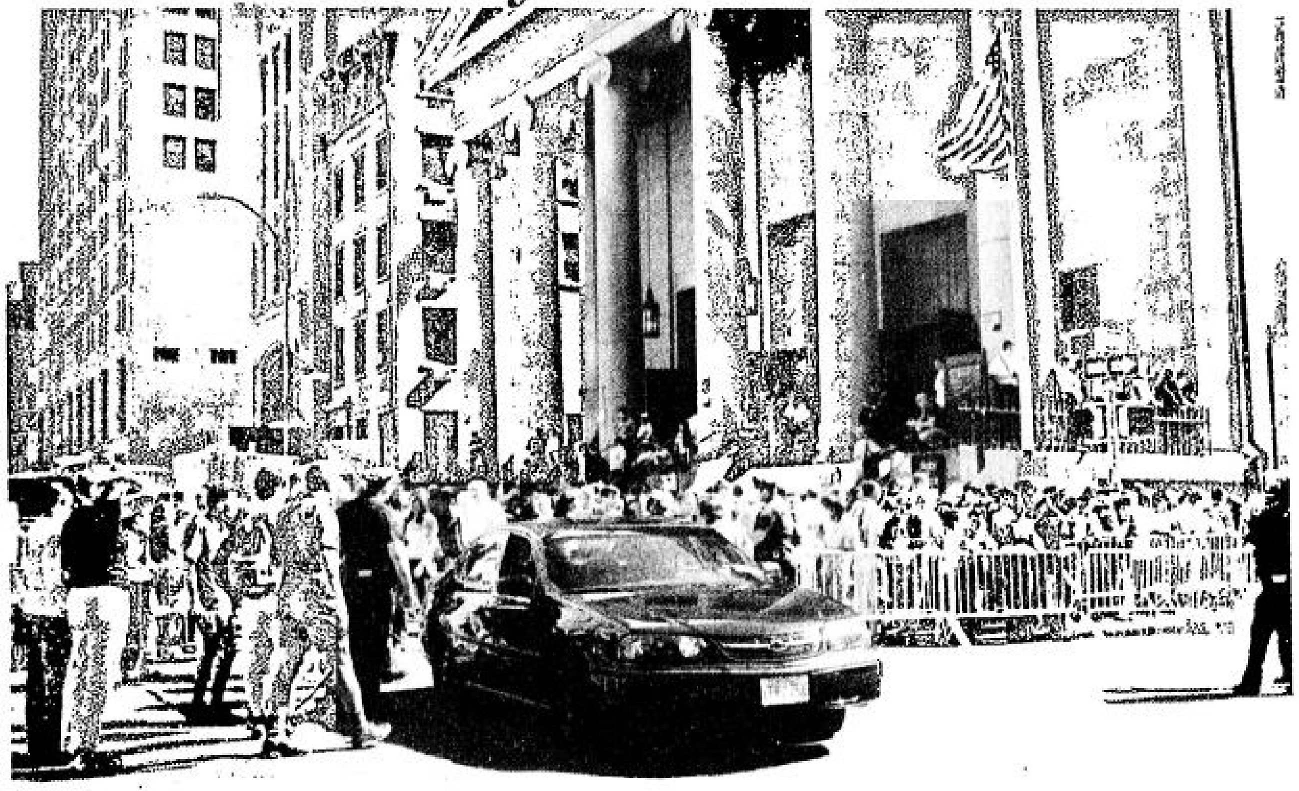

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New York remembers

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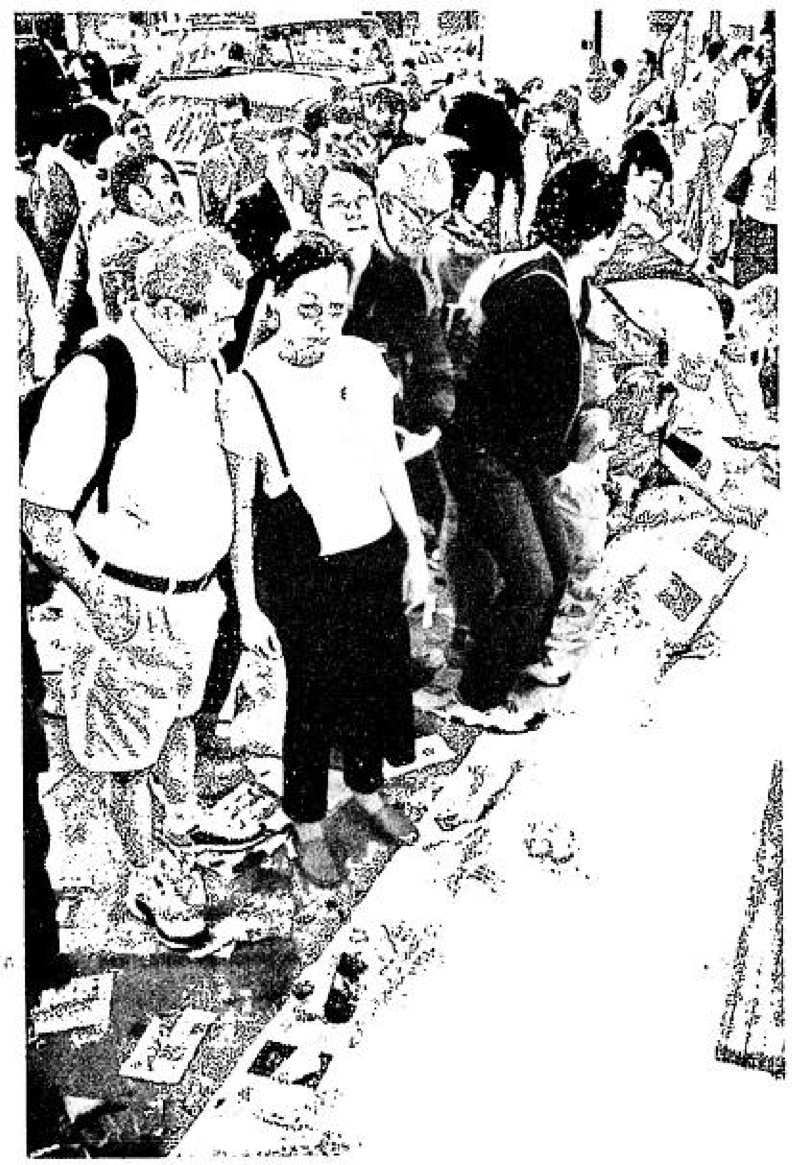


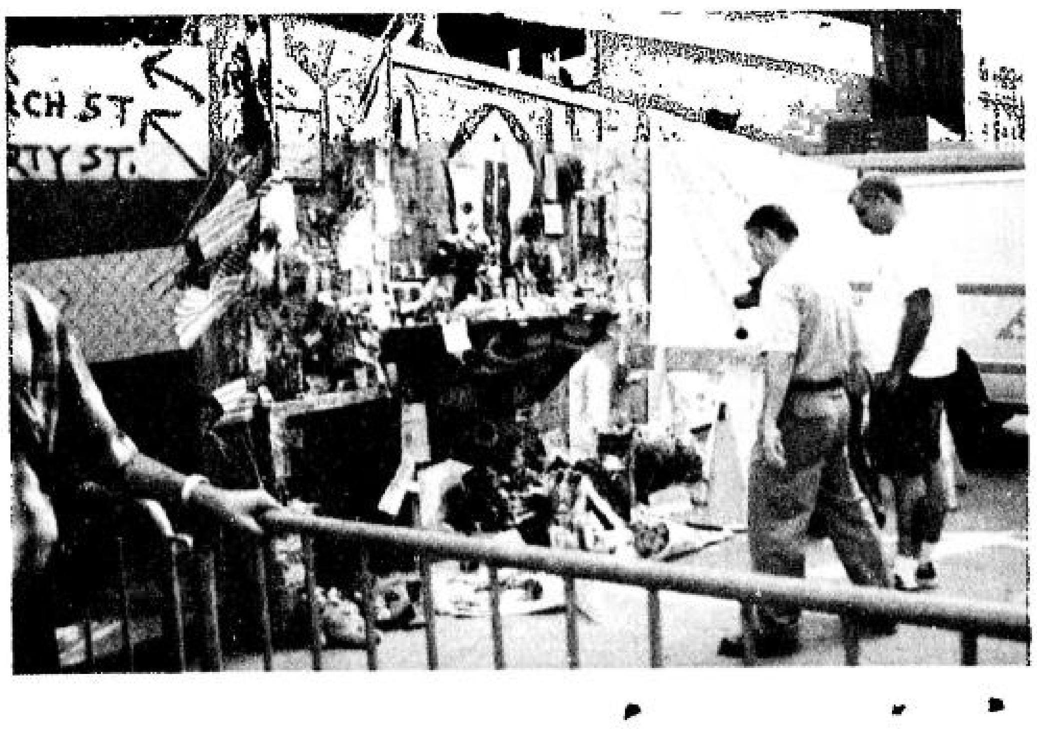
MAKATI Rep. Teddy Locsin and wife Louie reading inscriptions on memorial wallpaper

WORDS written from hearts torn apart

AN OFFICER and his bagpipe

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL. At Central Park, tears, prayers and music after "a year of sorrow, of empty places"

SOMBER faces of those left behind to remember



MAKESHIFT shrine of honor for pictures of the dead, flowers and personal items

Bazaar's proceeds to benefit 4 organizations

THE NOEL Discovery Bazaar will be held at the Manila Polo Club on Oct. 26-27. The bazaar boasts of a lineup of items like teen wear from Nui Design Clothing, coral and turquoise accessories by Cassie, carry-ons and bags from Taupe, Polka, Campos Rueda, furniture pieces from Jaime Geraldo Design, Qurio, Inday Cadapan and members of the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP).

Activities such as storytelling, painting and arts and crafts at Kids' Station; one-on-one beauty and health consultations; henna tattoo painting, caricature-making and fortune-telling, will also be held.

Proceeds of the Noel Discovery Bazaar will benefit the projects of Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation; GMA Foundation's Annual Give-a-Gift: Alay sa Batang Pinoy Christmas Gift-Giving Project; the Leukemic Indigent Fund Endowment (Life); and the Philippine Missions Association.

Noel, the Discovery Bazaar at the Manila Polo Club, is supported by the GMA Network, the Yuchengco Group of Companies and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., in cooperation with the Sunday Inquirer Magazine of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the Foreign Post and Joey 92.3.

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Theme park promo offers more fun treats

THERE are more reasons to go to Enchanted Kingdom. Now back to its five-day schedule, Enchanted Kingdom doubles theme park fun with the "Happy Returns" promo held in cooperation with Gatorade and Pepsi. From Sept. 4-Oct. 20, all guests who purchase their admission tickets at the park's Sta. Rosa Ticket Office will get a return ticket of the value, for free. A maximum purchase of five tickets per individual dual per day is allowed. As an added treat, ride-all ticket holders will receive complimentary Gatorade Doy packs.

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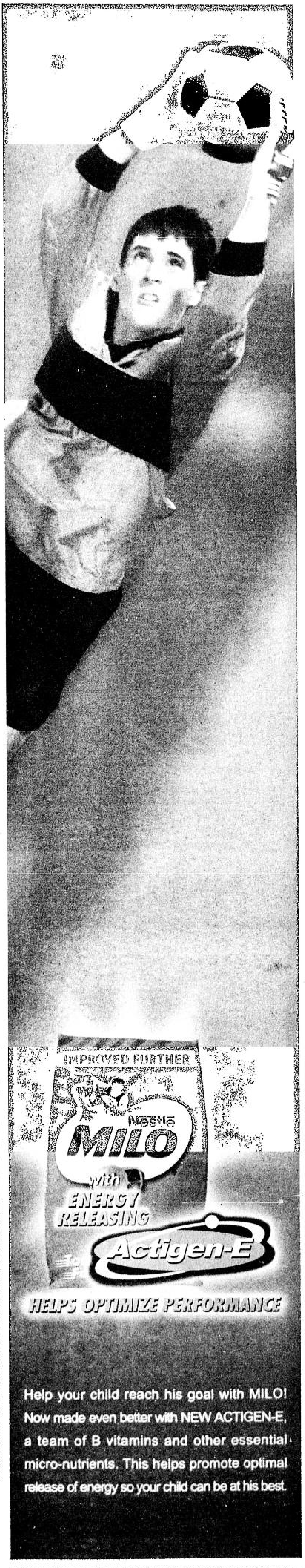

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SANTA ROSA COUNCIL TREE PLANTING
SAVE Silang-Santa Rosa River (S3R2) Foundation members get help from Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP)-Santa Rosa Council during their tree-planting activity at Don Jose, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, recently to celebrate the foundation's fifth anniversary. Photo shows (from left) Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc. (CCBPI) consumer affairs specialist Gardi Hilbero, CCBPI Sta. Rosa Plant II quality control head Vlady Marasigan, CCBPI Sta. Rosa Plant II manager Mike Aclan, Laguna Lake Development Authority staff member Jessie Moredo, GSP Sta. Rosa district field advisor Asuncion Abono, GSP Sta. Rosa district chair Susan Lijauco, and CCBPI consumer and environmental affairs manager Sonny Valencia.

Teacher's love for literature inspires life-changing detour

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got her."

I wonder if she forgot me.

I'd like to think she hadn't, but maybe she had.

After all, she must have inspired hundreds of students through the years, as a fixture in the English department for what must have been five decades. I had the tall and statuesque Mrs. E as teacher in two classes back in 1989: English 5 (part of the Basic English writing class), and a higher elective, English 257 (Prose Writing).

Sharing her passion

Mrs. E was in love with literature. She would photocopy old stories from The New Yorker, her favorite magazine, and share them—samples of what she believed were some of the best writing ever—with us. She would invite renowned writers as guests, to tell us their stories, to talk about their muses, about their experiences, about their ideas.

She would bring books to class—thick, hardbound novels of white paper stock and ink that jumped off the pages—and would read aloud from them with such joy. At the end of the class, she would generously give them away, to students who shared the love of the written word with her.

She inspired us to come up with our best writing so that we would win the coveted books of the day. She would bring not just one, but two or three... for the story she declared best, and the runners-up.

I will never forget two of the books I won in her class, and have loved through the years: "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez and a collection of stories by N.V.M. Gonzalez.

One day, N.V.M. himself spoke in another class of mine, a journalism class with Edel Garcellano. On a hot, airless afternoon, N.V.M. fanned our passions as he spoke about the miracle of writing. I was thrilled by the encounter, and I wrote about the experience for Mrs. E.

"We must get this published!" she insisted, and off she sent it to another former student of hers, Rolly Fernandez (no relation, currently the INQUIRER's Northern Luzon Bureau chief), then managing editor of The Manila Times.

Fernandez used it as the main story of the Sunday Times lifestyle section. Two whole pages. I was giddy with happiness. I was a published writer in a real newspaper.

Mediocre and bored

When I took my first class with Mrs. E, I was a mediocre business major, completely bored out of my wits in my accounting (my grade: 2.25) and economics (2.0) classes.

Shortly after my first class with her (my grade: a perfect 1.0!), in the second semester of my junior year, I shifted to journalism. I had fallen in love with the written word.

And I've never looked back.

I graduated a year after most of my business classmates. Until now, years later, my former classmates sneer when they see me. They remember the mediocre business student who gave up and moved to mass communications.

What they do not know is that, thanks to my 1.0's from Mrs. E, Mr. Garcellano, and the professors who believed in me in the school of journalism, I ended up graduating with high honors and as the most outstanding student in journalism that year.

But what to do after graduation? I had no idea.

Then the department chair, Luis Teodoro, my first journalism teacher (Journalism 101), invited me to teach the same course I took under him.

Yes, I said. I wanted to share with my students the miracle of writing the way Mrs. E did.

Unfortunately, I couldn't afford to be as generous as she was. I bought books in paperback, printed in newsprint, to give to my students. I brought speakers for my students to interview, hoping to spark more interest in journalism (though I must admit our guests were not of the same caliber as Mrs. E's had been... our first guest was film major and then budding actor, Richard Gomez). I painstakingly read each and every piece my students wrote and gave them as much feedback as I could.

At that point, I was also working full-time at The Manila Times, thanks to Mrs. E.

A few days after graduation, I got a call from Mrs. E. She said Rolly Fernandez was looking for someone to write a new daily People column for his paper.

And she gave him my name.

Me, a columnist? Fresh out of school?

"Call him," she said. "I told him you could do it."

The next month, I started writing the daily People column on page 2 of the Times, right above Margie Go-Singco Holmes' sex advice column.

I did it for over a year. Lisa Gokongwei and I then started the Faces and Places lifestyle section of the Times, until we moved to New York almost a year later.

It has been 10 years and I am still in New York. Every time I see The New Yorker magazine, I think of Mrs. E. and her photocopied James Thurber pieces.

I called up the UP's Department of English a couple of years ago and asked for her e-mail address. They said I could send them the e-mail and they would forward it to her. I wrote her a long letter, telling her about my life during the decade since I last spoke to her. I hoped she got it.

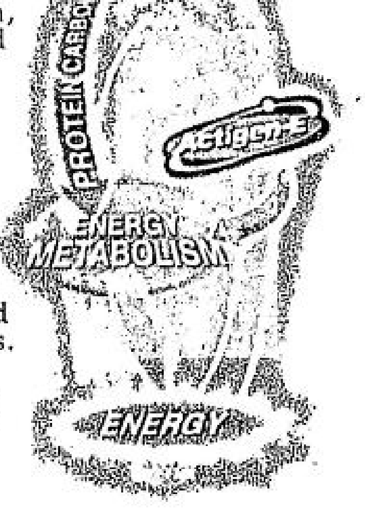
I did not receive a reply. Last year, my sister managed to get her phone number. One dark evening in New York, I called up her home in UP Village. The phone rang and rang. No one answered.

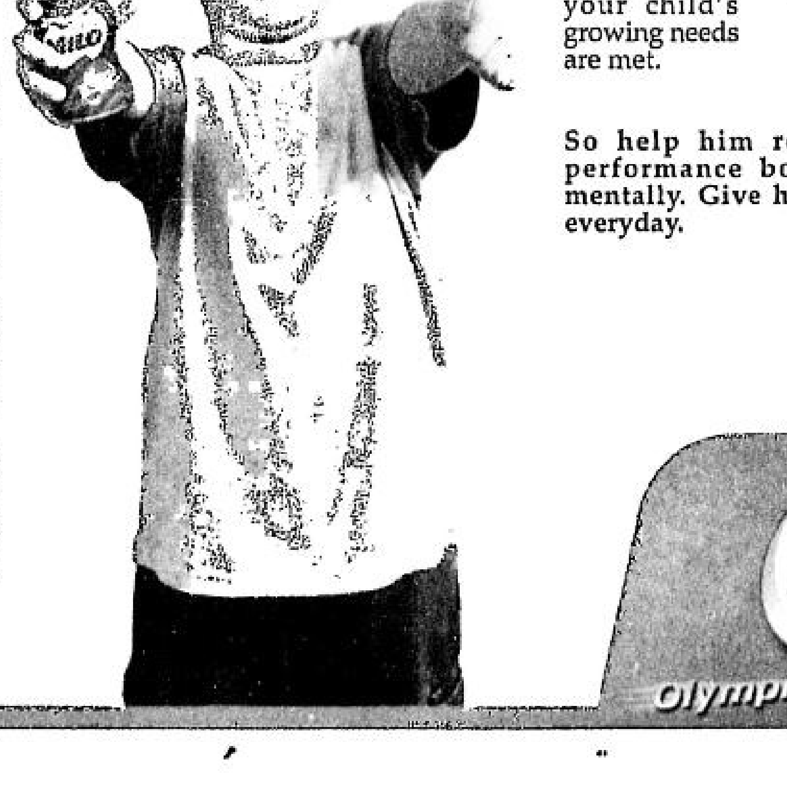
I promised myself yet again, that I would go and visit her when I was home for Christmas.

But the holidays came and went last year and I didn't make it.

Then tonight, I got the message that I would never be able to make that visit.

Rest in peace, dearest Mrs. E.





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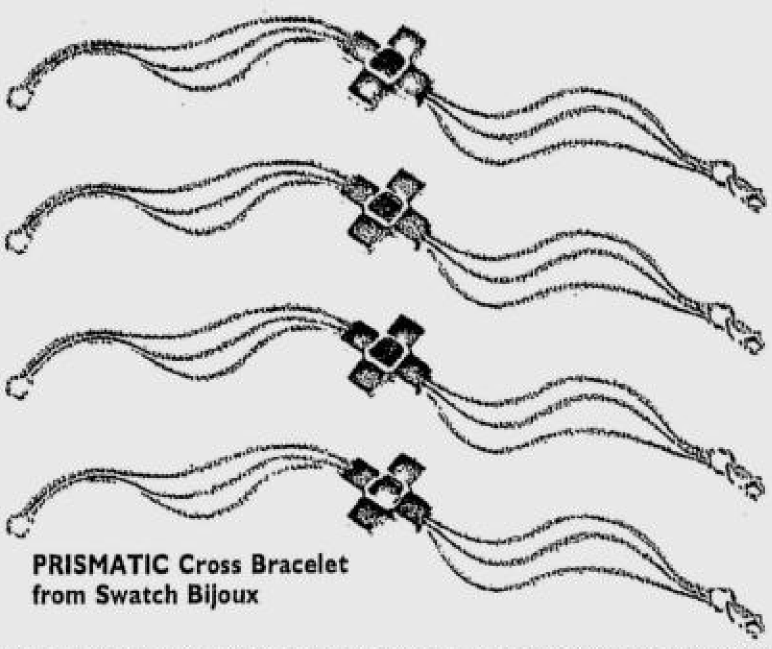

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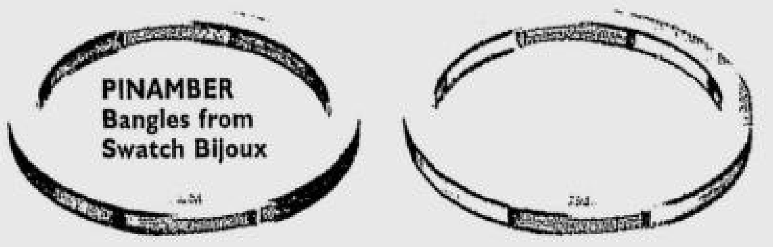

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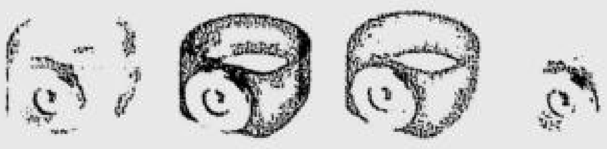

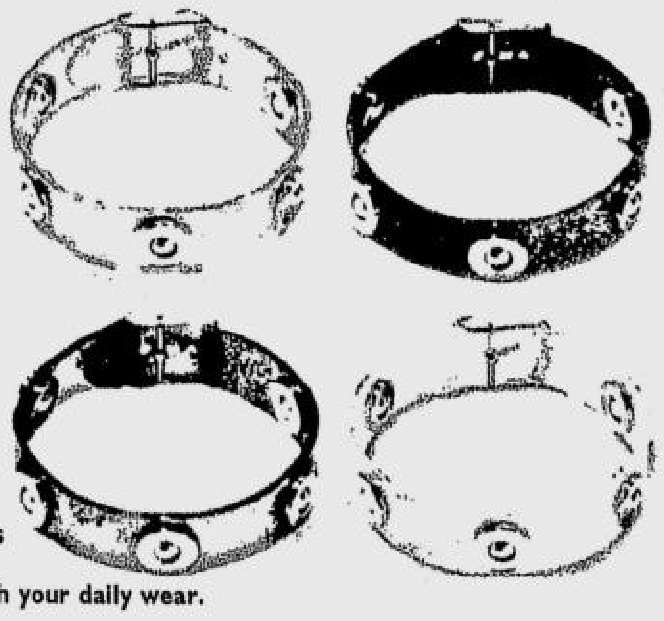

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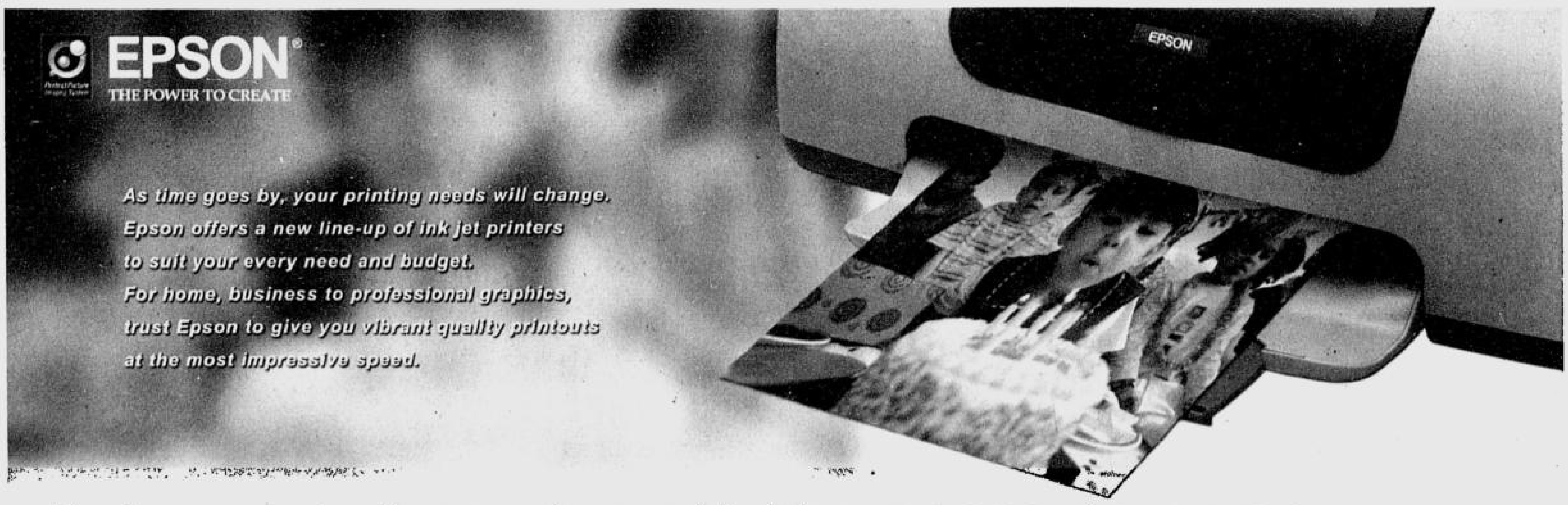

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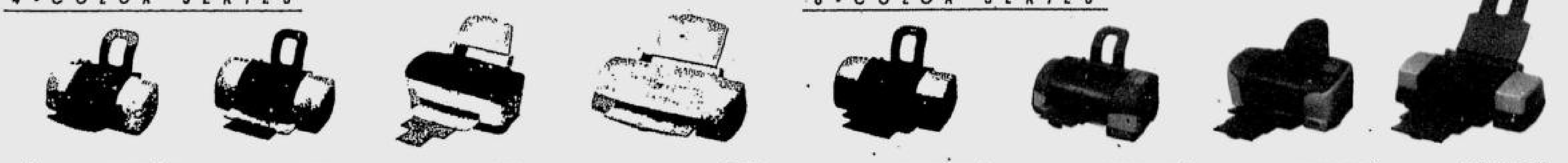

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Teacher's love for literature inspires life-changing detour

By Yvette P. Fernandez
Contributor

NEW YORK—Every year, when I was home for the holidays, I told myself I would go and visit her. The woman inspired me to become a journalist.

And every year, I would get carried away in the frenzy of it all, and never quite make it. Before I knew it, I was on a plane on the way back to wintry New York, and promising myself I would definitely see Mrs. E the next time I was in Manila.

Mrs. E. Nieves Benito Epistola.

But tonight, I got a text message from my sister in Manila with the news that I would never, ever get to see her.

Mrs. E was gone. She was 76.

I cried bitterly when I got the message and called up my sister way across the ocean, who said she saw the obit in the Metro section of the INQUIRER. Apparently, Mrs. E had touched the lives of many of the INQUIRER's staff. She definitely touched mine.

"Did you ever get to meet her?" I asked my sister, as big, hot tears rolled down my face.

"No," said she, my sister, who graduated from the University of the Philippines over a decade after me. "But I grew up hearing stories about her my whole life. You never for-

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Nieves Epistola shared her passion for the written word with her students and motivated them to produce their best writing

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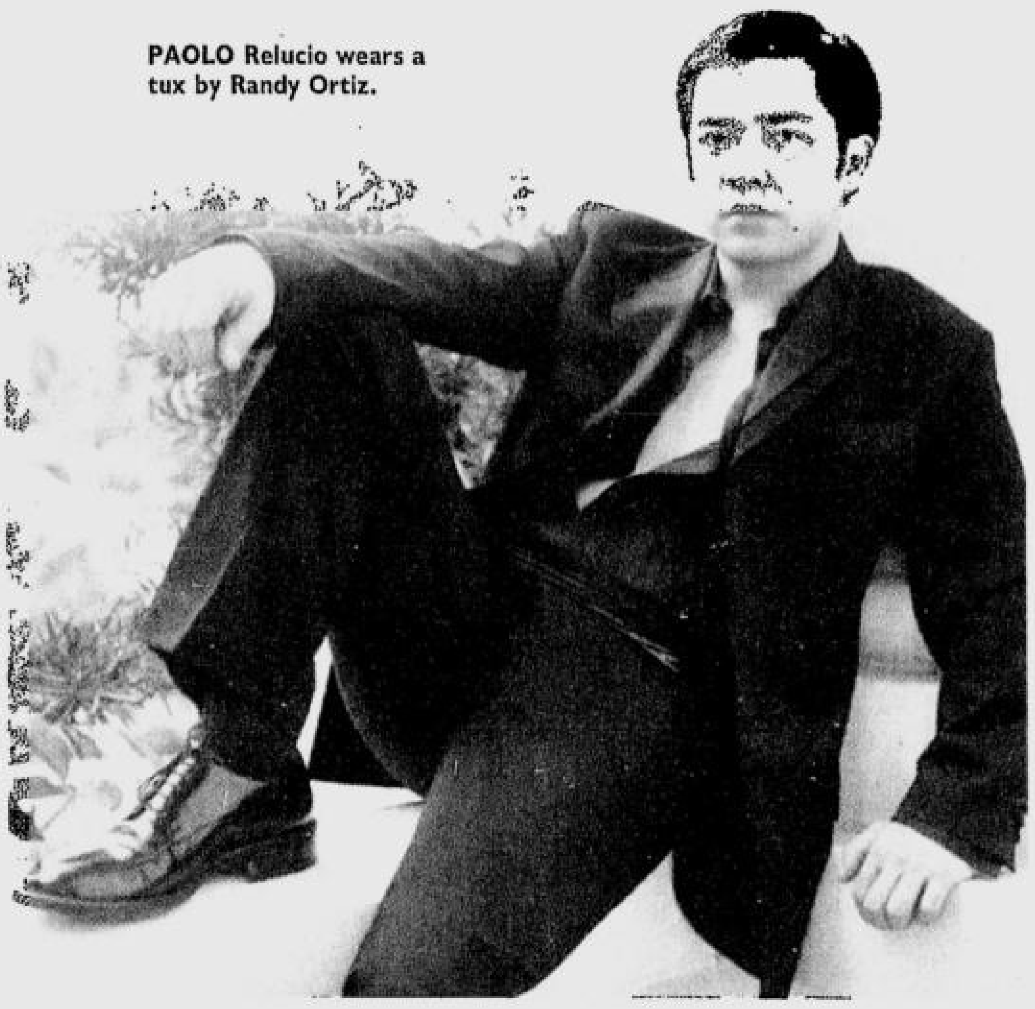
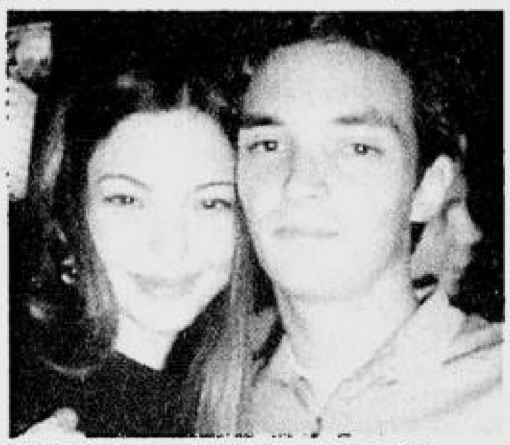
PAOLO Paraiso up close



PAOLO Relucio wears a tux by Randy Ortiz.

Dashing bachelors all named Paolo



PAOLO Araneta with Amanda Griffin

TOP bowler of Asia Paolo Valdez with top model Phoemela Baranda

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OUR featured bachelors share some basic traits. They excel in their field, look and feel good and are well bred. They also have the same first names. Probably named after St. Paul, their fathers or godfathers, our Paolos derive inspiration and love of life from papal figures.

Who hasn't heard of **Paolo Montalban,** the Filipino actor based in Hollywood who was voted by People Magazine as one of the most beautiful people in the world? What a great jaw!

Paolo Trillo, who just turned 25 last week, is your twice-a-week PBA sportscaster. His clean-cut look makes him a much-desired date. He also manages the family-owned Pravda Bar and Restaurant.

Paolo Relucio, with his ready smile, is a longtime PMAP model and has appeared in countless television commercials and print ads.

Paolo Bediones is a favorite TV host. His appearances on the tube is always endearing and informative.

Paolo Araneta's chiseled looks are traceable to his beautiful genetics. His mother is the forever-beautiful **Maritess Revilla**, and grandfather is the classic '50s matinee idol **Armando Goyena**.

Paolo Valdez is one of Asia's top bowlers and he has made waves in bowling with his tall stature and piercing almond eyes. If he continues to play bowling, he might just be the heir-apparent to the legendary **Paeng Nepomuceno**.

Among the younger Paolos is **Paolo Contis**, who, at 19, is an old hand in movies and television. His Italian-Filipino bloodlines add character to his persona. And he is a good actor, whether in drama or comedy.

Paolo Cabalfin was recognized when he first appeared in those dramatic black-and-white close-ups by photographer **Neil Oshima** for The Kitchen gallery. He has been a favorite photo subject ever since.

Winding up our list is **Paolo Paraiso**, who is the hottest young male model of the moment. His photograph by **Xander Angeles** in Cosmopolitan magazine's 69 Centerfolds of 2002 is a knockout.

ITALIAN-FILIPINO actor Paolo Contis

PAOLO Cabalfin photographed in Boracay

PAOLO Trillo partying in Pravda, seen here with friend Leslie

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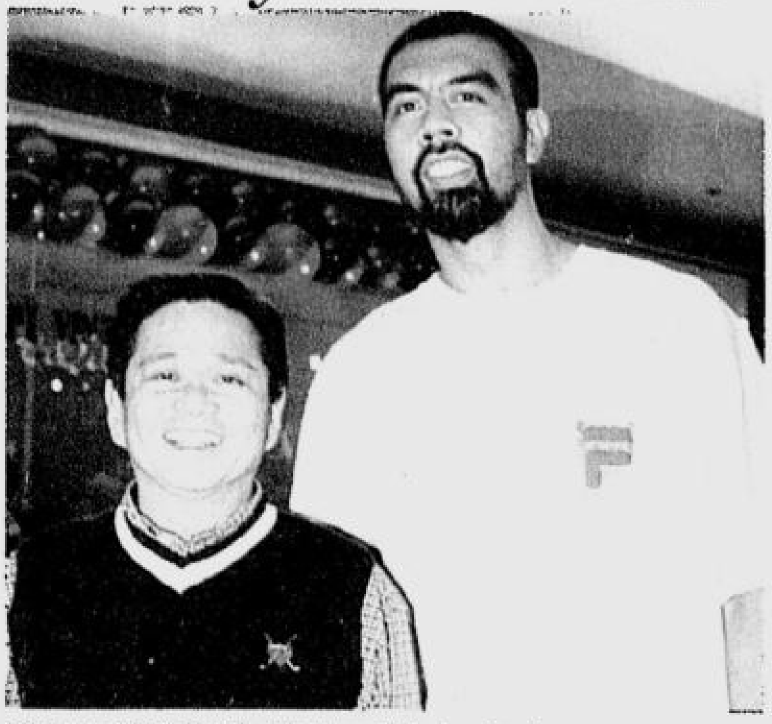

FILA president Butch Albert and Marlou Aquino

New footwear and apparel line launched

FILA launched recently its latest masterpiece, the Ferrari Vintage collection, consisting of footwear and apparel, all inspired by a bygone era of flapper dresses and smoky cafés.

Held at the Fila-SM Megamall outlet, which was also formally launched the same evening, the event was sponsored by Ralph Joseph of Philippine Wine Inc.

A fashion show featured models wearing items from the Ferrari Vintage collection.

The event was attended by Fila's Chris Chongson, Dragon Titan's Oscar Co, Wendy Ang and Susan Rile, Toby's Bobby Claudio, Sportmart's Thirdy Escaño, Adimex's Allan Dacanay, Richmond Lim of Time Depot, fashion models Annette Coronel and Rissa Samson, Fila image endorsers Chase Tinio, Miguel Noble, Elmer Lago, Dindo Pumaren and Marlou Aquino; Ronnie Poe; and Donnie Ramirez and Dinah Ventura.

Fila president Butch Albert was there with wife and Fila EVP Cris Albert.

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Moore than meets the eye

Don't 'Cry' for Penshoppe. It has bagged teen pop princess Mandy Moore as its newest image model

By Alex Y. Vergara

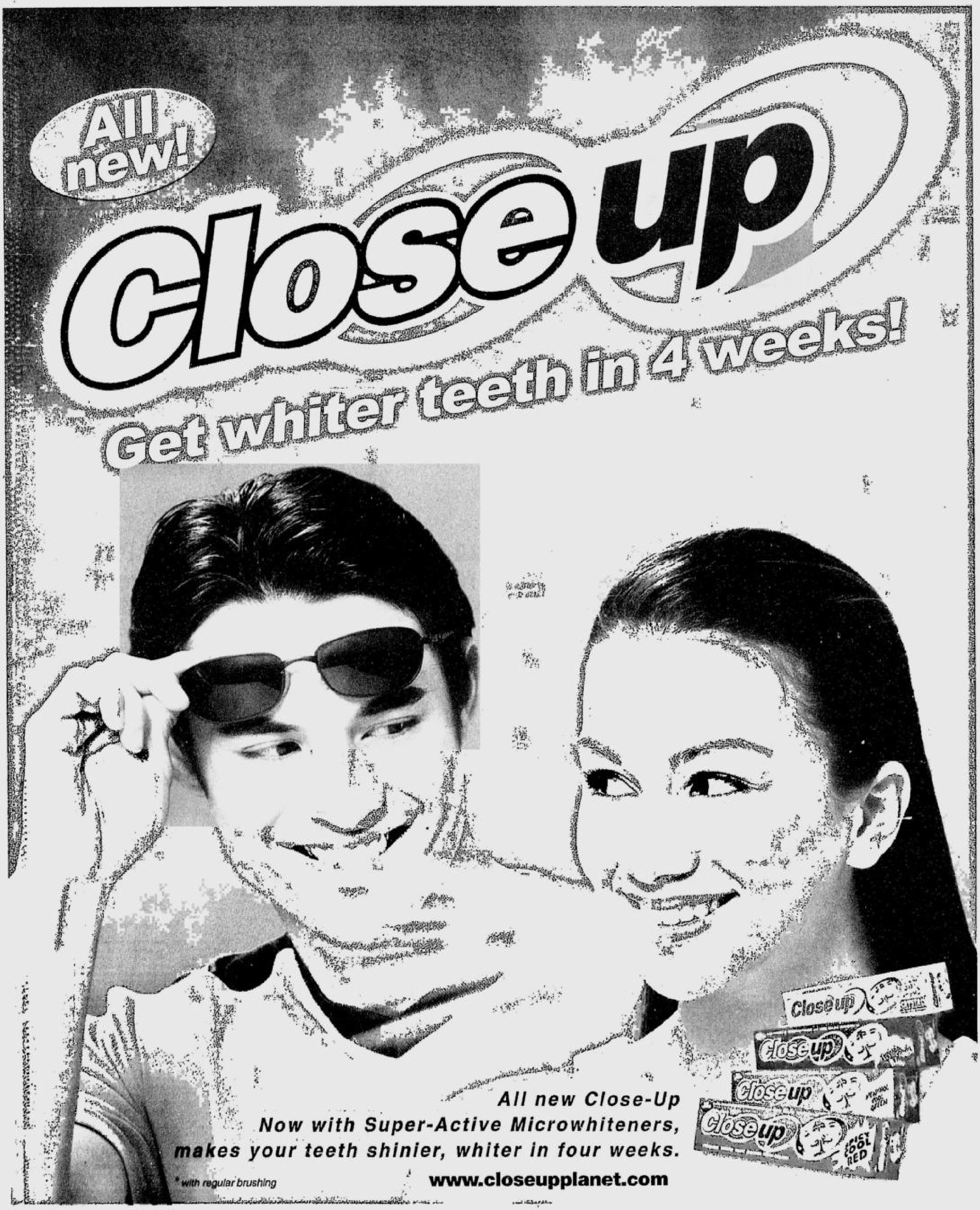
THE OPEN secret that has kept the country's teenagers and leading RTW brands abuzz is finally out. After bombarding the public for weeks with a series of TV and billboard teasers, Penshoppe has finally confirmed the obvious: reigning American pop princess Mandy Moore will soon star in the company's latest multimillion peso ad campaign.

Penshoppe managers, led by mild-mannered CEO Bernie Liu and the Ace Saatchi & Saatchi creative team, recently flew to Los Angeles to do a series of photo shoots and TV spots featuring Mandy and one of Penshoppe's male image models, Brad Turvey.

The multinational team also included Filipino model-turned-stylist Lala Flores, American photographer James Allen, American commercial director Christopher Erskin and American stylist Jasmine Kostraba.

Sure, this won't be the first time a local company is hiring a foreign celebrity endorser. In fact, Penshoppe is one of the pioneers of this type of marketing strategy. In 1995, it tapped Boyzone to endorse its products when the then unknown boy band went to Manila to do a concert.

CANDY GIRL. Mandy Moore wears her best smile in a red halter.



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Here's Moore

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So do we know him?

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What turns you off?

Dishonesty.

How do you manage to keep a relationship despite your hectic schedule?

If you want something to work out, you will find the time to attend to it. If you find something that makes you happy, you're going to work to try to make sure it will continue to make you happy.

Are you the jealous type?

No.

So what kind of girlfriend are you then?

I don't know. You should ask my boyfriend that. I consider myself to be a pretty romantic person, I like sending him gifts and cards.

The best thing about Mandy Moore?

Nothing. I have no idea. There isn't a best thing.

What about the worst thing?

It's so hard to find good and bad things about yourself. I don't know.

You've mentioned before that two of your biggest idols are Madonna and Bette Midler. Why?

Madonna because she's obviously had longevity in her career, which I'd like to emulate. She has a good fashion sense, maybe not necessarily my taste. She's always been herself, not afraid to be herself—really a perfect example of a strong-minded businesswoman who knows how to take care of herself. I love Bette simply because of her immense talent and versatility.

In three words how would you describe yourself?

Sensitive, honest and geeky. (Laughs) Yes, I'm a total geek and proud of it!

Alex Y. Vergara

THE FILIPINO team composed of people from Penshoppe and Ace Saatchi & Saatchi pulls an all-nighter at Wherehouse in Los Angeles. ALEX VERGARA

"Of course," Liu said with a chuckle, "our budget then is nowhere near our budget now." He declined to reveal the exact amount, including Mandy's presumably handsome talent fee, prompting us to ask him if there was really a need to tap a foreign celebrity.

Global thrust

"Like everybody else we want to make the most out of globalization," said Liu, who has also opened two Penshoppe stores in China on top of 200 or so company-owned stores in the Philippines. "An artist like Mandy Moore will help support our thrust of going international."

As an endorser, however, Mandy's presence will be limited in the Philippines. Still, Liu believes the move is bound to boost the company's image and generate excitement among its core market composed primarily of teenagers and young adults.

More recently, Kamiseta replaced Mai Mai and China Cojuangco with Hollywood actress Alicia Silverstone as its image model. Not a few industry observers have questioned the wisdom of such a move.

Getting a star as big as Mandy also has its risks. "But it's a risk we're willing to take," said Liu. "I'm not yet in a position to quantify the benefits of such a move, but you'll know how effective it is if you still see me smiling three months from now."

Liu is that confident of Mandy's appeal and drawing power that when Sony Philippines raised the idea to Penshoppe, he immediately explored its potentials with his team. Mandy, with three platinum records and several hit movies tucked under her belt, is under contract with Sony.

Liu first learned of Mandy two years ago through his youngest daughter, then 6, also named Mandy. "My little girl would say that they have the same first names," said the doting father. The idea of getting Mandy appealed to him right away, but he had to consult his team first.

Heaven sent

"Mandy was heaven sent," said Liu. "We were thinking of relaunching the brand when the offer came. It didn't take us long to decide because she's perfect for the brand."

Like the brand she now endorses, Mandy

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SO REAL. Five-foot-ten Mandy goes bohemian in a black tee, a pair of red suspenders and a raspberry beret.

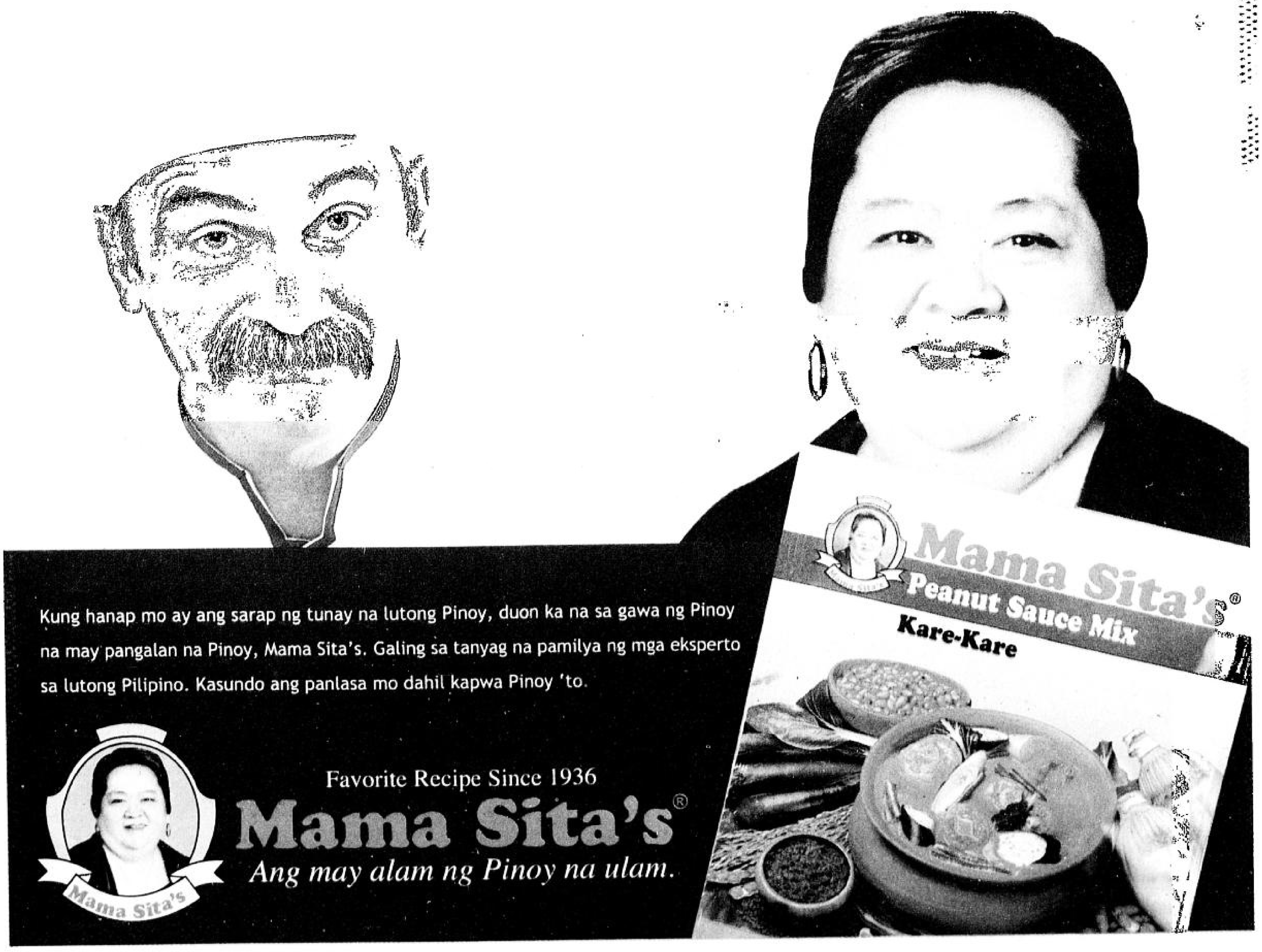
Like Mama used to make

In today's fast-paced world, where anything outside work just can't fit into one's schedule, everyone has embraced the "instant" lifestyle. From coffee, noodles, to complete meals, everything's available in an instant. Even the more traditional Filipino fare wasn't spared. There are instant mixes for sinigang, afritada, kare-kare and what have you. All easy-to-cook and schedule-friendly. But is time to only thing you're giving up here? What's in the instant sinigang? Or rather, what's *not*? Are these instant goodies made by these big multinational companies faithful to traditional Filipino recipes? Are the ingredients complete? Are they natural?

One brand gives you the practicality of instant while still remaining true to Filipino culinary tradition. Mama Sita's, from Marigold Commodities Corporation, a Filipino company. Mama Sita's mixes and sauces come closest to home cooking because the use natural authentic ingredients like *atsuete*, tamarind, native guavas and *siling labuyo* from organic farms in the Philippines. Mama Sita wouldn't have it any other way. Teresita "Mama Sita" Reyes has always been known for her passion for cooking. Just like her mom Engracia "Aling Asiang" Reyes, the Filipino culinary genius behind Aristocrat. This heritage of cooking excellence lives on in every Mama Sita's product.

So if you want the goodness of traditional Filipino dishes like sinigang, kaldereta, afritada, kare-kare, palabok, and menudo in an instant, make sure you leave it in the hands of a fellow Filipino who knows her Filipino food. Mama Sita's, *And may alam ng Pinoy na ulam.* ADVT.

SA PALAGAY MO, SINO SA KANILA ANG MAY ALAM NG PINOY NA ULAM?



Kung hanap mo ay ang sarap ng tunay na lutong Pinoy, duon ka na sa gawa ng Pinoy na may pangalan na Pinoy, Mama Sita's. Galing sa tanyag na pamilya ng mga eksperto sa lutong Pilipino. Kasundo ang panlasa mo dahil kapwa Pinoy 'to.

Moore than meets the eye

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projects a fun, wholesome and squeaky-clean image so unlike rivals Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Jessica Simpson. In fact, not a few entertainment journalists have dubbed Mandy as the "anti-Britney."

"We have nothing against other Hollywood celebrities," said Gigi Tibi, Penshoppe's marketing manager. "Many of them just didn't fit the brand's image. Mandy is no mere Hollywood celebrity. She's also a young, level-headed girl who happens to be hip."

The deal was finalized in less than two months via long distance communication. After Penshoppe provided Mandy and her manager John Le Shay with a company profile and videos of its past commercials, the company had its clothes photographed on a model before e-mailing them to LA.

Prior to the actual fittings two Mondays ago, no one from Penshoppe had met Mandy. From all indications, she loved all the clothes—several bright tops, halters and denim separates that will form part of the brand's fashion line in the coming seasons. "None of them were rejected!" Liu beamed with pride.

A delight

Mandy's endearing qualities readily showed during interviews, especially the exclusive one she did with Martin Nievera for ABS-CBN. The singer, who recently did a series of shows in the US, made a stop in L.A. to interview Mandy. Despite being pressed for time, she later sat down with us to do a quick interview (***See related story on page E8***).

Mandy was also a delight to behold during unguarded moments—from the fittings, to the pictorial, down to the commercial shoot at Wherehouse, a multimedia store in L.A.

HEARTTHROB-IN-WAITING Brad Turvey gets final instructions from director Christopher Erskin before a take. ALEX VERGARA

CRUSH. Mandy's rumored boyfriend, tennis star Andy Roddick

Sporting a shorter and darker hairdo, Mandy beamed with gratitude as Liu and wife Alice gave her a coffee-table book of the Philippines and a bag of native goodies after her fittings.

Her parents later arrived to see how their little girl was doing. By the way Mandy hugged them, it seemed they hadn't seen each other for quite some time. She had been up in Toronto all summer filming "How to Deal" with Trent Ford.

"They did this short (hair) 'do for the movie and I decided to keep it," she said with a giggle. "No more blond Mandy."

Like her idol Madonna, the perky 18-year-old proved to be a chameleon as she struck various poses and moods in front of the cameras. The photo session took almost an entire day before Allen shot the final frame—a sofa scene where a naughty Mandy in a flowing black dress leaned on a pensive Brad. "This is my first time to work with Mandy," said Allen, who has photographed the likes of Shakira and Tara Reid. "She's a natural and has genuine excitement that comes across on film."

Mandy displayed the same enthusiasm off-cam. It wasn't hard to understand why. "All she could think of was her boyfriend," said Kostraba. "And she knew she looked great in the clothes."

Kostraba stopped short of revealing Mandy's special someone, but we have it on good authority that she's now dating rising tennis star Andy Roddick. From the photo shoot, she reportedly rushed to the US Open where Roddick was one of the afternoon's featured players.

IT'S A WRAP! Mandy with Bernie and Alice Liu and the rest of the Filipino team in L.A.

Having directed a number of music videos featuring TLC, Missy Elliot and Boyz II Men and TV commercials for Pontiac and Foot Locker, it was also Erskin's first time to work with Mandy and do an ad for a clothing brand like Penshoppe.

"I usually do ads with very little dialogue and plenty of cool action," he said. "This one is different—it's young, it's fun and it's very colorful."

MTV style

Drawing from his experience as an MTV director, Erskin will resort to similar techniques to get Penshoppe's message across. He will zoom-in on a number of wide shots. For instance, to provide the audience with tighter frames of the same scenes.

Erskin will saturate every scene with vivid colors, from the setting to the star's clothes. Short of revealing the punch line, the ad will include all the stuff teen fantasies are made of: good-looking lead characters, a dream sequence and, yes, a kissing scene. Of course, the guy wins the girl in the end.

"I love the storyboard for its youthful exuberance," Erskin gushed. He also commended Ace Saatchi & Saatchi's creative efforts for its "American flavor."

"It reminded me of Tommy Hilfiger-type commercials where everyone is hip, attractive and having lots of fun. It provides a sneak peek in the life of a typical youth."

The production also had its share of funny moments. In a pre-production meeting, for instance, Erskin noticed a black Penshoppe cap and eventually fell in love with it. With a price tag of P230, he was surprised to find out how cheap it was in dollars. "He fished out $5 from his wallet and wanted to buy it," said Liu. "We finally gave it to him for free and he wore it during the entire shoot."

Mandy also wanted to bring home certain pieces, but was asked to wait since the items she wore to the shoot were prototypes. In fact, she was so buoyed at the end of the pictorial that she forgot to return the red top she was wearing. "She was so apologetic when she finally realized it," said Liu. "Indeed, she's a very nice girl who more than lived up to our expectations."

Despite having unveiled its newest and biggest image model; Penshoppe has requested us not to fully reveal Mandy's outfits. At least, not until the last minute.

"Competition has become that stiff that we don't want to give them any ideas," said Tibi. The long wait, it seems, isn't over. Watch out for Moore in the weeks and months to come.

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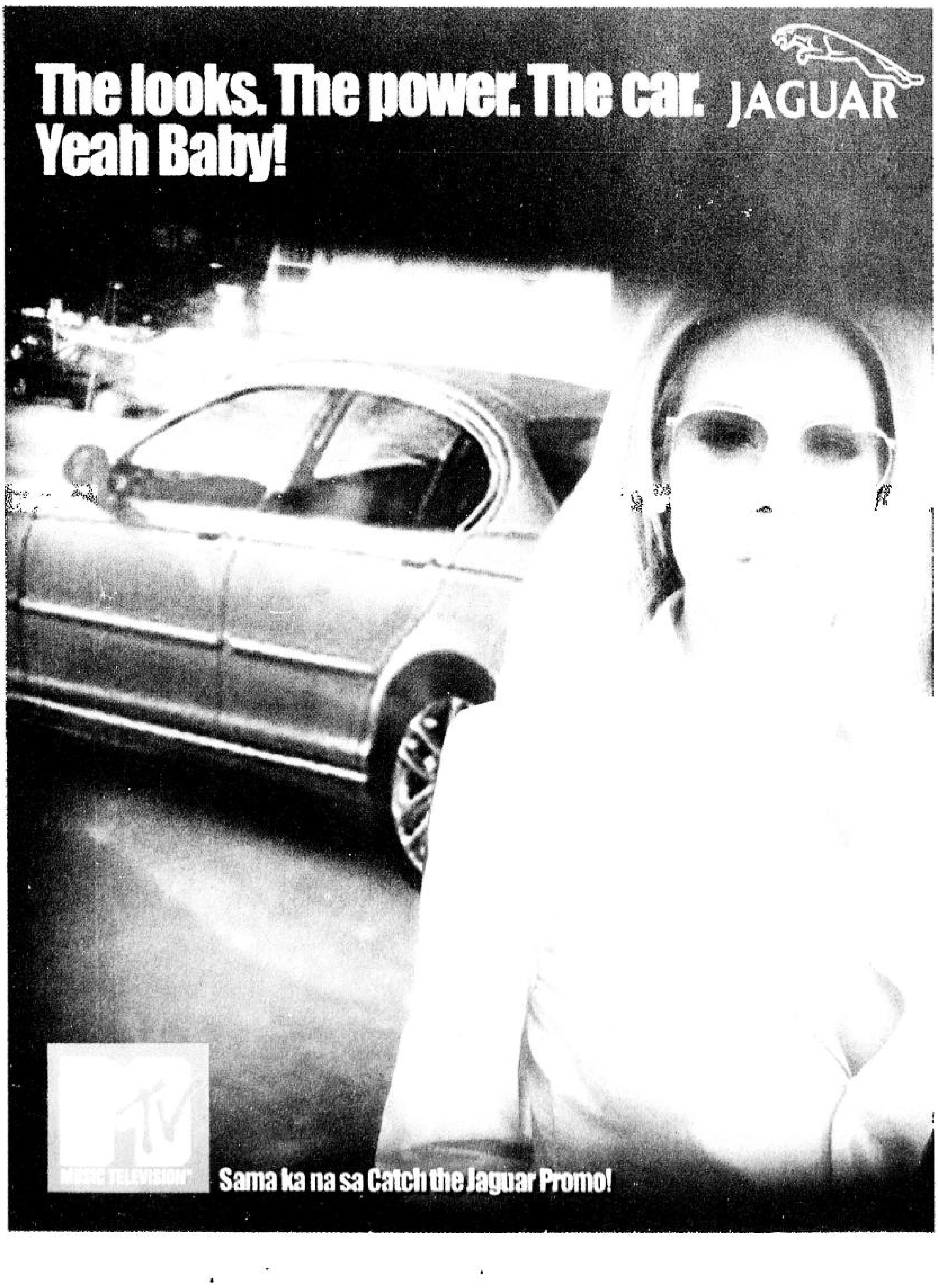
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IN A JOINT effort to promote science and technology through the visual arts, the Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology (PFST) will be holding the Sci-Artists' Competition sponsored by the Philippine National Oil Co. with the Department of Science and Technology and Department of Education as cosponsors.

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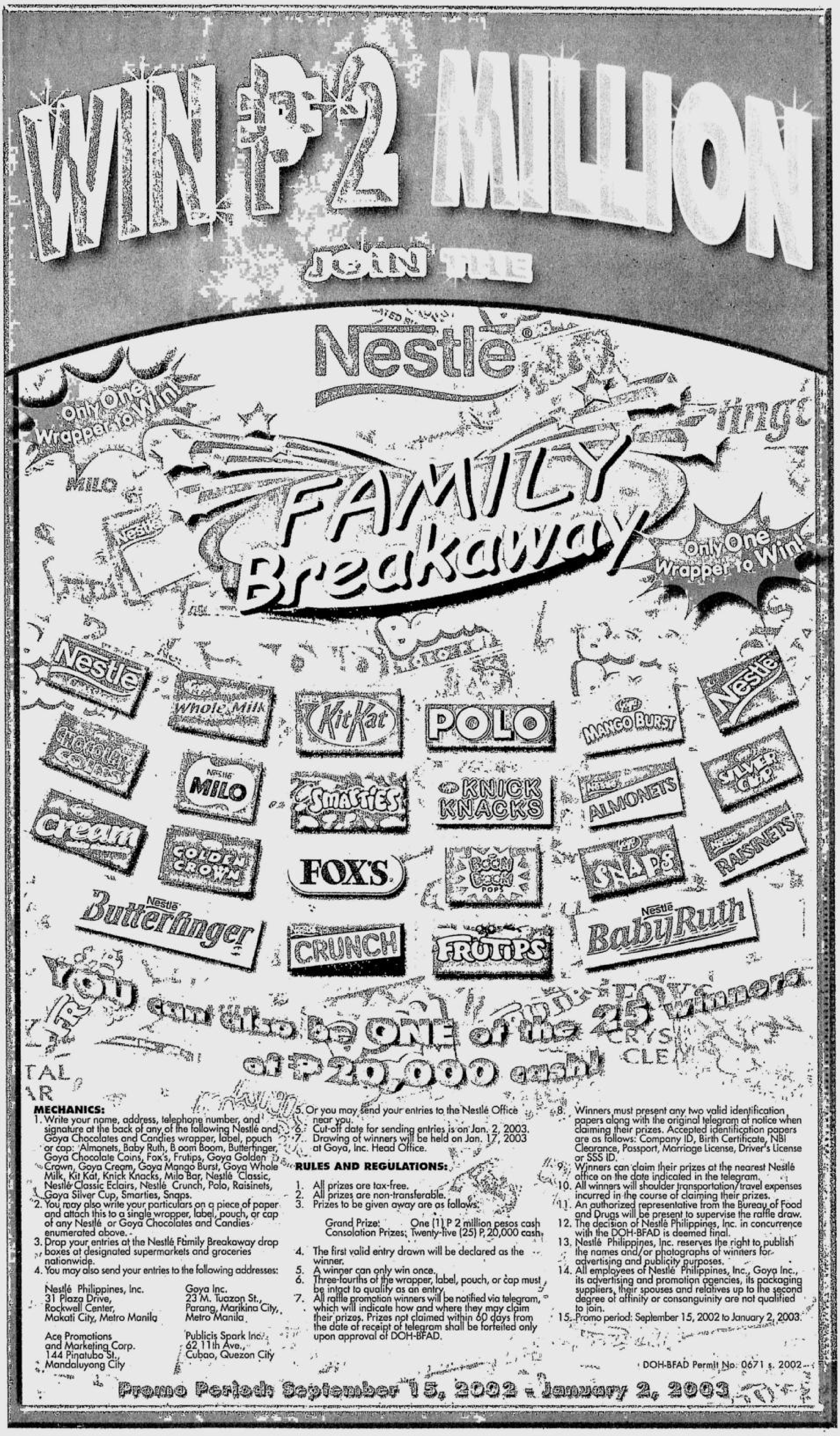

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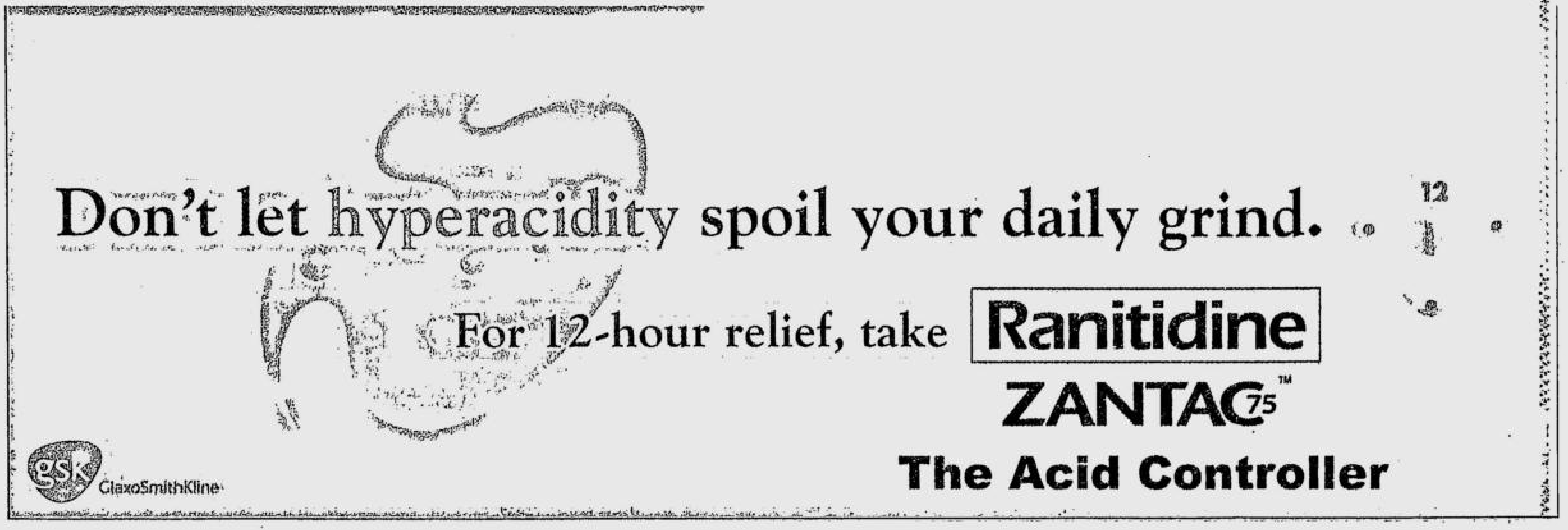

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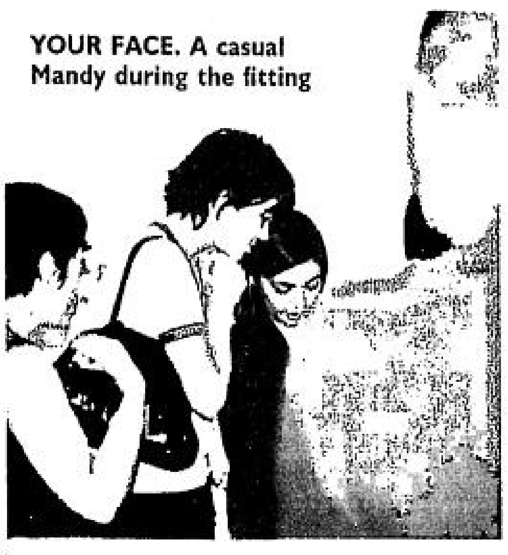
MANDY Moore falls for guys with a huge sense of humor, but don't let her catch you in the arms of someone else. If there's one thing the singer-actress can't stand it is a dishonest, two-timing cheat. She also loves sneakers and jeans but avoids white pants like the plague.

In an interview in Los Angeles, the teen star and newest Penshoppe image model also shared her views on her career and how such icons as Madonna and Bette Midler continue to shape it.

The new Penshoppe image model describes herself as 'sensitive, honest, geeky . . . and proud of it'



YOUR FACE. A casual Mandy during the fitting

Indeed, the 6-year-old from Orlando, Florida, who once dreamed of conquering the stage after watching a production of "Oklahoma" has come a long way. After fronting for the Backstreet Boys three years ago, she has made a name for herself with three platinum albums and several hit movies tucked under her belt. To think she is only 18.

What's with the short, choppy hairdo?

I had this haircut for a film I did in Toronto all summer. I like the hair so much I decided to keep it a little bit. No more blond Mandy. I'm going to be a brunette for quite some time.

What's your natural hair color?

A little lighter than this, halfway between brunette and blond. It's fun to be a dark brunette.

Does your hair change have something to do with your shift from your "Candy" phase to a more mature Mandy?

No. It's just part of being a girl to have the advantage to change your haircut. I get bored easily.

How has your media persona evolved during the last three years?

I've grown as a person and that is going to reflect on how I come across to people in interviews, pictures and music videos. Just growing up and experiencing life is part of being alive.

Does the lack of privacy affect you?

I don't feel that way. I'm not the biggest mega, superstar in the world with people banging on my door and trying to snap pictures of me. It's kind of cool because I get to do things I love to do and still get respected for it. At the end of the day, I can still go to the mall by myself and drive around without having to fear for my life.

What was the worst fashion faux pas you've gotten yourself into?

At the Billboard Music Awards in 1999 where I wore a pink sweater and checkered long skirt that looked like a tablecloth in my grandma's house. It was my idea and I thought it was classy. When I look back at it now it was the ugliest thing ever.

Did the press pan you?

I was just starting out. Hopefully, the picture won't end up somewhere. (Laughs)

Describe your sense of style.

Casual, comfortable, sexy but not over the top.

Fashion musts?

Jeans long enough for me to wear with sneakers and high heels. Anything black like a nice black sweater and a pair of heels. I collect jeans. Gosh, I must have over a hundred pairs in my closet! (Laughs) Shoes? I probably have 200 pairs. I'm a woman. I'm supposed to love shoes!

And makeup?

Oh, I love makeup as well. I'm such a makeup junkie, even the packaging gets me. I'm obsessed with an eyelash curler, a good moisturizer, lip gloss and shimmer stick that I can put on my eyes, cheeks and lips.

Fashion no-nos?

Anything too tight or too short, but I sometimes wear minis. I'm not a big fan of white pants either. I think white never looks good on anyone.

Any fashion and beauty tips for teenagers?

As long as you're comfortable in something [you wear] you're going to exude confidence. I think having confidence is sexy. It's better than any outfit you can put on.

For me, less is more. I look at trends and incorporate them with my own style—not necessarily doing the full tilt.

Is the shift from singing to acting a deliberate move?

No, actually, it (acting) was something I felt passionate about and wanted to take the time to pursue. I just kept the ball rolling and continued to do a couple of films this year knowing full well that I'd go back to the [record] studio at the end of the year.

Making a record, touring and promoting it would probably take me an entire year. Again my acting would have to take a backseat.

Which do you find more fulfilling?

Probably music. At the end of day, you can't duplicate the fulfillment you get on stage.

What would you have been if you didn't succeed in show biz?

I'd still be a student probably studying journalism or maybe going into fashion design. I enjoy reading magazines and observing fashion trends. I finished high school through correspondence. I would love to go to college someday.

Any special someone?

It's a new thing. (Blushes) I'm very happy. I like a guy with a huge sense of humor, somebody with an understanding of what I do and preferably someone not in the industry.

Why?

It's nice to have someone that does something that I can maybe learn from.

So who's this special guy?

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A garden aspiring to be art

FLORIFEROUS bougainvilleas on the outer wall of the open-air rest area

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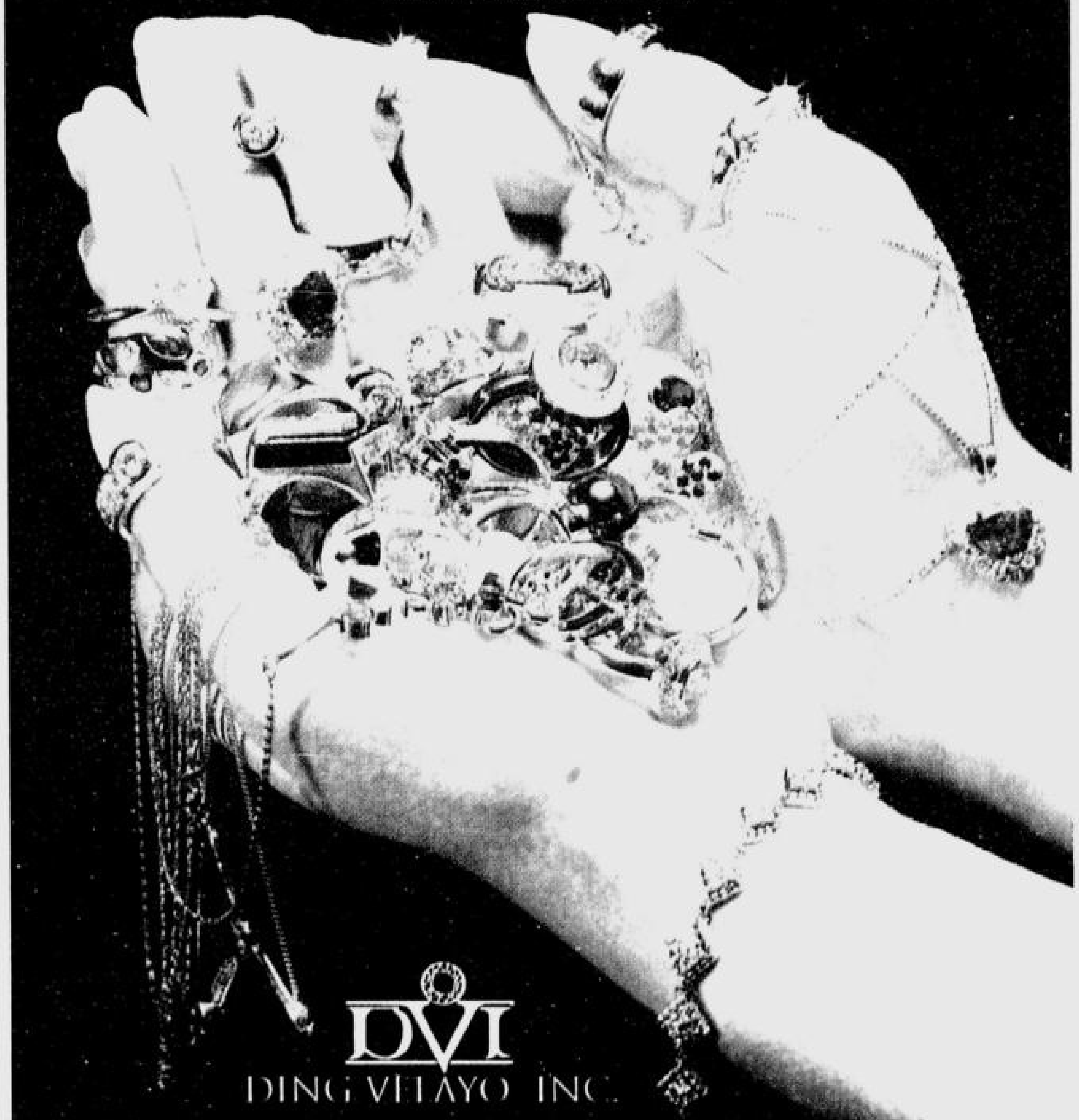

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She took her married lover back

DEAR Tita Dulce,

More than two years ago, I had a secret relationship with a married man. I was 22 and he was 25. I fell so deeply in love with him that I gave myself to him. I became pregnant and, to my horror and shame later, I had an abortion. Up to now, I can't believe I did all that, because I grew up a devout Christian.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

There had been many times when we almost broke up, and it finally happened last year. He initiated the breakup and said many things that really hurt me. I thought I'd commit suicide but I got over it and learned to love God and myself more.

Five months later, he came back, asked forgiveness and reassured me of his love. I took him back. I know some would say I'm crazy or a martyr for doing so, but I love him and I won't be true to myself if I deny that. He's still married, but I can see he loves me and he regrets marrying his wife.

I feel he is the only man I'll ever love, that we're destined for each other, and that someday God will give us the freedom to be together. But for now, our love will have to wait.

My universe no longer revolves around him and our relationship. I give more priority now to God, my family and other people. I am more mature now about our relationship, and I know I won't get hurt as easily as before. I never stop praying, though, for God's help and guidance.

ELLA

Yes, many would indeed be quick to condemn you, and they have a point. After all, you ignored the Commandments in coveting him and in aborting your child. Despite all that, he broke up with you, leaving you insults as his parting words. And when he turned up at your door, you took him back.

But, often, we are too quick to judge. If, as you said, you've gone back to God and now feel forgiven, then who are we to second-guess you—or Him?

Instead of condemning you, we should be happy for you. That's because had you approached any of us during the days when you were still miserable and lost, our sanest advice would be the same: Ask God for forgiveness, forgive yourself, forgive your lover and have peace of mind. And you've done all that.

It is, of course, confusing why, aside from forgiving him, you also took him back. Most of us—if not all of us—would have not done that. But then, again, it is you, not us, who have been relating to him. You know him; we don't. Indeed, it speaks well of him, in a way, that he came back to you when he could have found new joys in a new lover had he continued walking away.

You can't blame us, though, if we have the nagging feeling that you are only making the same mistakes all over again. Perhaps our worry would go away if, this time, he works on getting his marriage annulled. That way, we'll know that he sees you as a future spouse and not as an eternal mistress.

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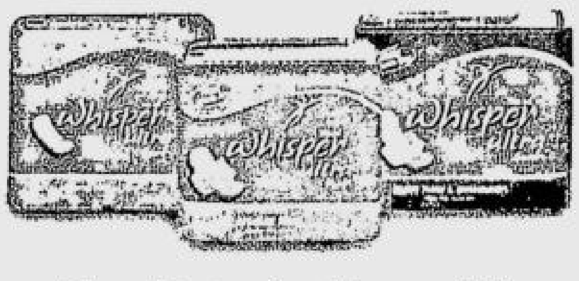

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A garden aspiring to be art

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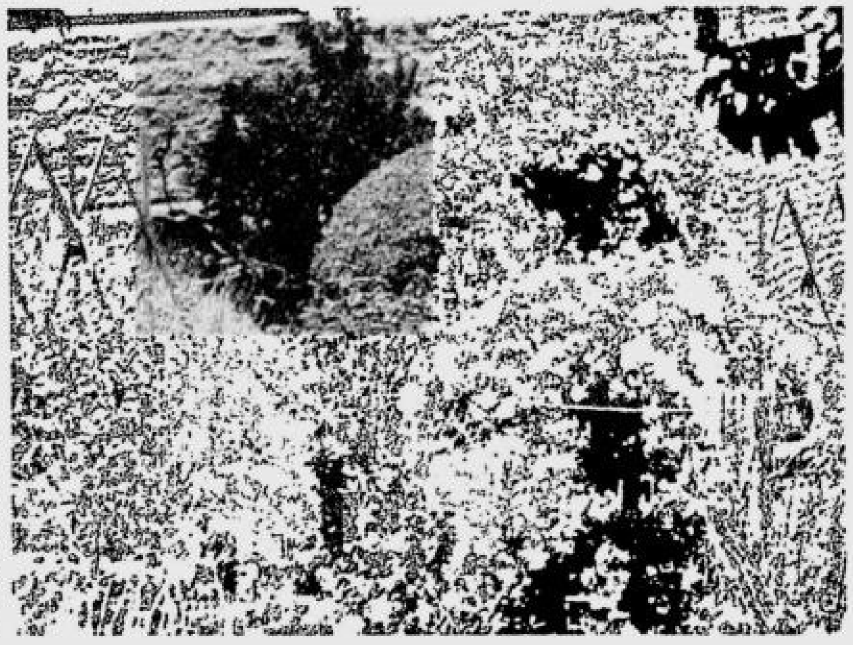

SOME of the flowering plants in the Central Garden of the Getty Museum

MUSEUMS, understandably enough, draw people because of what they have inside.

The new J. Paul Getty Museum in Santa Monica, California, is one of the few exceptions. It awes as much for what it contains within its walls as what it offers outdoors.

The museum, the centerpiece of the complex collectively known as the Getty Center, is impressive enough with its collection of original works by both European and American masters and its architecture. But what makes the place doubly delightful—and have visitors lingering long after they have finished touring the four pavilions containing priceless art treasures—are the gardens with its collection of trees, cacti and flowering plants. In spring, the whole spread explodes into a riot of colors representing practically every hue in the spectrum.

Unfortunately, after-spring visitors miss the brightly hued azaleas, of which 400 plants make up the maze-like arrangement in the middle of the reflecting pool in the Central Garden, designed by artist Robert Irwin (the artist has called his creation "a sculpture in the form of a garden aspiring to be art"). But the just as colorful bougainvilleas—their leaves practically disappearing in the profusion of blooms—last a little longer to brighten up the carefully and diligently maintained garden.

Even in some corners of the Central Garden, along paths leading to the azalea maze and where plants seemed to have been left to grow as they please, one could detect a deliberate effort to make sure that harmony and contrasts enhance the impact of the various blooms. The printed guide to a tour of the gardens and landscape explains the selection of plants near the azalea maze, "Surrounding the [reflecting] pool is a series of specialty gardens that exploit the interplay of light, color and reflection." As for the rest of the center's gardens, designed by landscape architect Laurie Olin in collaboration with Richard Meier, it adds, "Look closely at the groupings of plants... loosely and unconventionally arranged by color and texture."

Standing over the reflecting pool on higher slopes are six large steel bowers that support climbing bougainvilleas. Still relatively young, the plants are not yet as prolific bloomers as those that line the outer walls of

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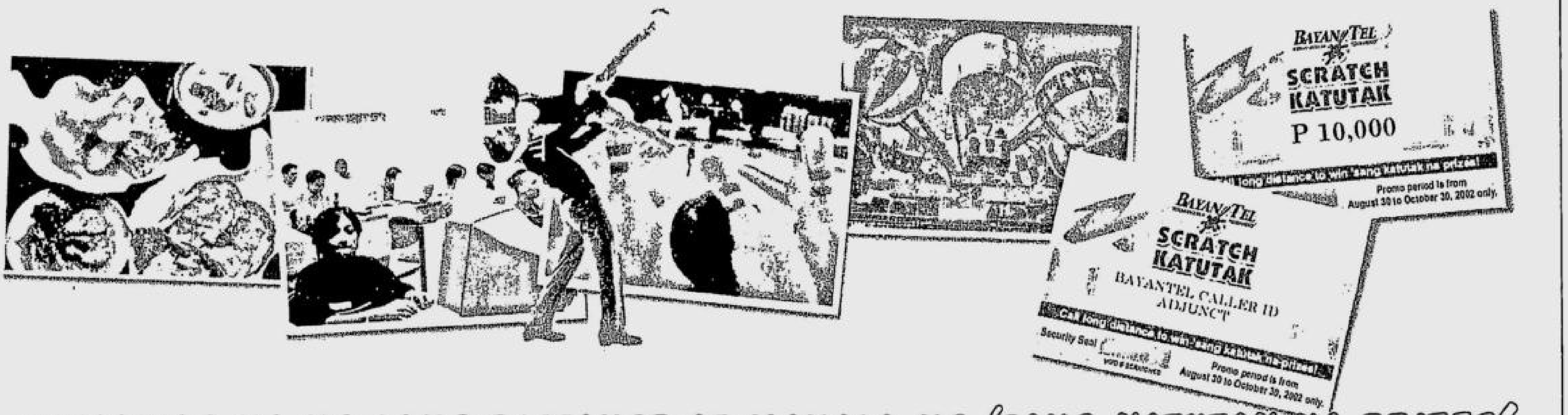

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Balancing man-made and natural structures, the center's landscaping is inspired by the garden traditions of California and the ancient Mediterranean. It (the landscaping) is, according to Meier, "in some ways as important as the buildings themselves."

If the Getty Center gardens are distinguished by the discipline imposed by their designs and a careful mixing and matching of plants and colors, the gardens of Cook Islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean are marked by their almost casual, laid-back appearance, not far removed from everyone's stereotypical image of South Pacific islanders.

Filipinos may not be familiar with the names of the plants commonly found in the islands' gardens but they would certainly know them by sight. Not surprising really as the plants are tropical and many of them were reportedly brought back to the islands by early Polynesian seafarers or introduced by foreign visitors. Of course, it goes without saying that no Cook garden would be without coconuts.

Two things, however, mark the Cooks' gardens as their very own—*nono* (more popularly known as noni and *apatot* in Filipino) bushes and graveyards. Like many other Pacific islanders, those on the Cooks appear to also swear by the noni juice's healthful properties. As for the graveyards, most of the locals want to keep loved ones close by even after death so they have them buried within family compounds.

Also a popular feature of Cook gardens are rocks and stones. Gardens are usually divided into sections with rock arrangements serving as the core of every plant grouping. More formal gardens, at least as formal as one can get in the South Pacific, often have rocks carved into human and animal forms. Other places use them unembellished.

POTTED cacti

PAIN MANAGEMENT ADVICE

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THE EFFECTS OF PAIN (AND BEARING IT)

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TRAVEL

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Not only color but also

WHETHER shod in rubber slippers, barefoot, or festooned with flowers and fruits, the youth take the lead in the ceremony of the dance.

By Abe Florendo
Contributor

DAVAO has durian, Duterte and Kadayawan.

Durian is the spiny fruit whose unique pleasure is akin to savoring heaven beside a busted sewer. The swashbuckling Rodrigo Duterte is the popular mayor of Davao who was re-christened by Time magazine as "Mindanao's Dirty Harry." Kadayawan, the annual festival in August, is a rite of thanksgiving for the continuing bounties of nature, although it has turned more and more into a street-dancing and costume extravaganza depicting the many colorful ethnic tribes of Mindanao who, oddly, generally do not participate in it.

Durian and the ethnic tribes are as old as the hills, or the revered Mt. Apo. On the other hand, Duterte and Kadayawan are contemporary productions, the former of political iconography, the latter of cultural exploitation.

For any or all of these reasons, you shouldn't miss going to Davao.

On this weekend in August, when Mt. Apo is heavily shrouded in clouds and there's no escaping the smell of durian in the humid air, the weeklong Kadayawan celebration is winding up to a clangorous climax in parks and open grounds and along the main streets of the city. The ethnic-culture presentations are a feast for the eyes, and in this age of fantastic digital space heroes, your heart will go out to those beautiful innocents before time, residents of the green mansions of Mindanao, whom the country regards as the keepers of "our cultural legacies" but not with much sincerity as "our people."

Must-see

As there will be no other occasion to witness the ethnic dances and rituals as performed by these tribes themselves, the Mindanao Indigenous Dance Festival, held at the PTA grounds, is a must-see. Here, in their purest forms, are performed the exotic *agung* and *kulintang* music and the dances of the Aeta, Tagbawa-Bagobo, Diangan, Kalagan, Samal, Maguindanao and Tausug tribes, depicting baptismal and wedding rites, harvests, and the day-to-day occupations of fishing and *pangalay* (offering) to the feared and benevolent deities of nature.

If often the rites celebrate warfare and divisiveness among the tribes, to the mesmeric beat of the percussive metal and bamboo instruments, you will also wonder how the tribes have overcome extinction, if not decimation, for all the spear-hurling directed at one another. But clearly articulated in that dance of the Tausug proclaiming their determination to die rather than submit to outsider oppression, is the primeval instinct for survival.

Endlessly fascinating are the colorful costumes of the animist tribes, especially the T'boli, but even among the Muslim Maguindanao and Samal, memories of an ancient royal lineage have kept alive the colors, decorations and refined gestures of a culture in Mindanao that will not die. The sight of Samal women in slinky gowns the color of the rainbow with coronets on their heads and sensuously swaying their hips and doing arabesques with their talon-long fingernails—perhaps to a Khomeini this would be an affront to Islam. It also sets you to thinking: If fundamentalist Islam ruled Mindanao and strictly imposed the *burka* on women, it would spell the end of our many-splendored "cultural legacy."

In the evening, another dance festival is held at the SM mall, this time a competition among school and private cultural groups. Their numbers are notable for youthful inventiveness and iconoclasm that do not lose touch with basic traditions and myths—certainly a joy to Agnes Locsin, the much-awarded choreographer who hails from Davao, who is one of the judges. A few of the numbers may have been choreographed to death—neo-ethnic? Joey Ayala-Grace Nono rock-folkloric?—but despite the theatricality, there's integrity in the spirit of the ritual and in the basic steps of the *sayaw*.

Whether it's for durian, Duterte, or the Kadayawan, you should not miss a visit to Davao

A SPLASH of startling color stands out in the Mt. Apo wilderness.

HORNS of plenty roll down the street.

The women are so rapt in their dancing, eyes downcast, lips unsmiling, and heads angled ever so imperiously and inscrutably. And you can tell this is Mindanao from the joy of the musicians euphorically banging away on the *gandang*, *kabang* and other instruments, and from the banners unfurling the colors of the *vinta*. And lingering long in the memory is one of the most romantic images in dance: a young girl swaying her hips while close behind her is a young man strumming his two-stringed *kuhlong*, rhythmically moving to her every movement, so that they are like synchronized heartbeats.

On the other hand, a whole dissertation may be made of why there's so much stooping in the tribal dances, especially among the Manobos. I will leave that to Ms Locsin.

Much awaited

The next day, Saturday, is the much awaited *Indak-indak sa Dalan*, a street-dancing contest among grade-school cultural groups and their adult counterparts, a total of 32 contingents.

The costumes, fearlessly mixing colors, put Cebu's Sinulog, Aklan's Ati-atihan and Bacolod's Masskara to shame. The mimes likewise confuse cultural references. Among odd others, there's a little girl dressed as a chicken harassed by spear-wielding boy warriors wanting to sacrifice her for a good harvest, and then emerging triumphant in the end, riding on the shoulders of her assailants. (The idea of her ending up as a feast for the gods is more appetizing.)

The people loved the parade, but apparently not the city's distinguished guests. Sen. Edgardo Angara, for one, may have preferred the comforts of his hotel room where he met with his would-be supporters in the province. Sen. Loren Legarda, for another, did stop at the VIP grandstand at the kiosk across from the boat-shaped cathedral of St. Peter—the city's patron saint, whose name and patronage are not invoked in the celebrations—and stayed just long enough to show a glimpse of her shapely behind in tight jeans.

It is clear that election time is around the corner.

The next day, Sunday, is marked by the parade featuring fruit- and flower-bedecked floats and which show commercial expediency more than cultural significance. Among the sponsors' floats, that of SM Davao is the most spectacular and is said to have cost as much as P500,000.

While the winners of the best floats are being announced to the emptied street along the cathedral, I get the chance to shoot one question at the media-besieged Mayor Duterte, who has dropped by from his trip to the Diwalwal mining hot spot in the Compostela Valley.

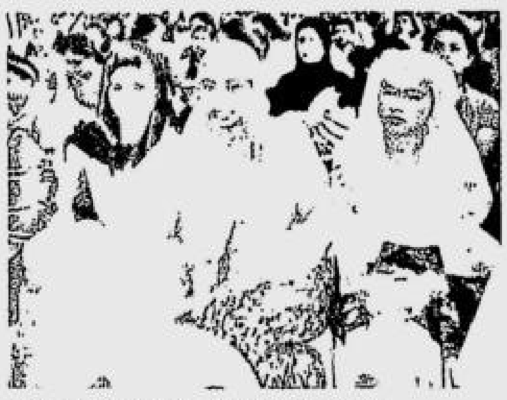
How best to promote tourism in Davao? I ask above the din of the loudspeakers.

"There must be peace and security," he shouts into my ear. "People of every religious or political persuasion should be able to live in harmony. People should have the vision, they must make every effort to help in the development of the region and to make the city as peaceful as possible. Our dream for Davao is also for the whole of Mindanao."

The theme of this year's 17th Kadayawan, "Kahusay, Kaharuhay Kanunay (Peace and Prosperity)," does reflect his priority objective for a peaceful and orderly Davao.

Turned double

Politicians abuse the word "vision," which ultimately means a vague, hazy and unrealizable end; in Davao it is translated in figures. Tourism Regional Director Sonia Garcia, wearing a red Mandaya blouse fringed with coins, reports that "everything has turned double."



LOVELY ladies smile in their finery.

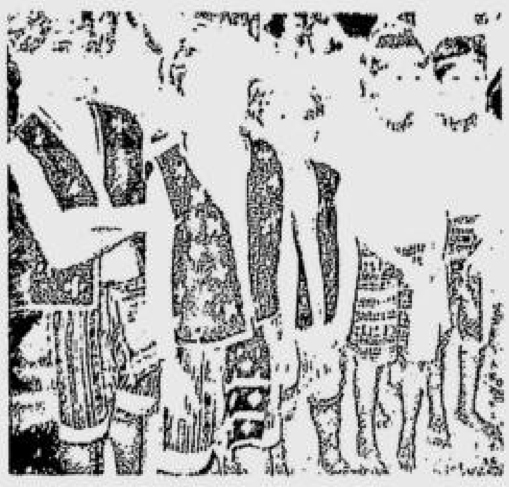
Over a festive lunch at Dencio's, a restaurant offering *sutokil* (*sinugba, tinola, kilawin*) cuisine atop a hill in Matina with a majestic view of Mt. Apo to the south, she elaborates: "There's .doubled participation in the Kadayawan and greater attendance by locals and foreign visitors. And all the hotels are fully booked."

She also boasts that the Kadayawan is "a festival that truly celebrates the tribal heritage of the whole of Mindanao."

Sonia Garcia is tourism director for the newly formed Region 11 (consisting of the three Davao provinces in the south, north and east, along with the Compostela Valley). She expects the region to draw bigger international tourism with the opening (hopefully before yearend) of the new Davao international airport, particularly with the expected run to Darwin, as the gateway to northern Australia, and to Palau.

And what will Davao offer the new markets, aside from the usual cultural and fruit-basket attractions?

Ecotourism sites, says Garcia, and the pet projects she has identified for this purpose are Malagos (with its protected landscaped areas), Eden-Bayabas (the Department of Tourism's special enterprise zone), the Baracatan-Sibulan area (an agri-tribal project at the foot of Mt. Apo), and Kapatagan (which offers an invigorating trek to a climb—cleanup, scientific, technical, or scientific—up the 2,954-meter Mt. Apo, the highest peak in the country.



The private sector, especially the hotels, which make up an aggregate of 2,600 rooms, has been dressing up for the expected happy days to come with the opening of the new airport. "Even now we are ready for them," announces Hembler Mendoza, speaking for his hotel, the 159-room Waterfront Insular Davao Hotel in Lanang, a few minutes away by car from the airport.

The young manager points out that the hotel began its "facelift" at a time when a notorious band of outlaws attacked Pearl Farm on neighboring Samal island and spoiled tourism for the whole southern coast of the province. "We kept our faith in Davao, we realized its huge tourism potential, and we pushed ahead with our scheduled improvements," he says. "It's an old hotel, with an old tradition, but now the grand lady by the sea has new clothes and she shines."

Waterfront Hotels Inc. president Patrick Gregorio has floated the idea of promoting Davao as separate from Mindanao, in the same way that Cebu years ago promoted itself as a tropical island paradise with absolutely no reference to the politically turbulent Philippine islands at that time. But Davao tourism officers are shooting down this idea.

"It's bad enough that neighboring regions are suspicious of Davao and its so-called 'Mindavao' ambitions," says Garcia. "The idea of promoting Davao as unconnected to Mindanao will be viewed as separatist."

Ting de los Reyes, DOT director for international tourism, recommends: "Let's put the issue in its proper perspective and then let's attack it head-on!"

Romance

Mendoza credits Waterfront's rallying financial figures to the improved peace and order situation in the city brought about by Duterte's strong-arm policies.

The hotel today has an enviable occupancy of 65 percent, more than 30 percent of which is made up of honeymooners, its traditional market. Himself driven to romantic excess, Mendoza has this cherished dream of transforming part of the banks of the great Davao River into an entertainment and dining row, something like that along the Vienna River or the Seine in Paris.

The 160-kilometer-long Davao River, which drains an area of 1,700 square kilometers, wells up from a stream in Mt. Kibundo in Bukidnon, feeding around 58 tributaries and traversing 39 of Davao City's 181 barangays. (If you don't know it yet, Davao, at 244,000 hectares, is said to be the biggest city in the country and one of the biggest in the world—although this particular claim to fame is now being contested by Puerto Princesa.)

Manila has a similar romantic dream for the Pasig River, but Davao stands a better chance of realizing it. Like its Kadayawan festival, the river flows and flows, with a life of its own, pulsing to a beat and rhythm as old as the secrets of Diwalwal and as young as the *waling-waling* orchid blooming in forbidden forests.

Forgive the poetaster; Davao certainly inspires loftier endeavors.

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Cleanup in Calatagan

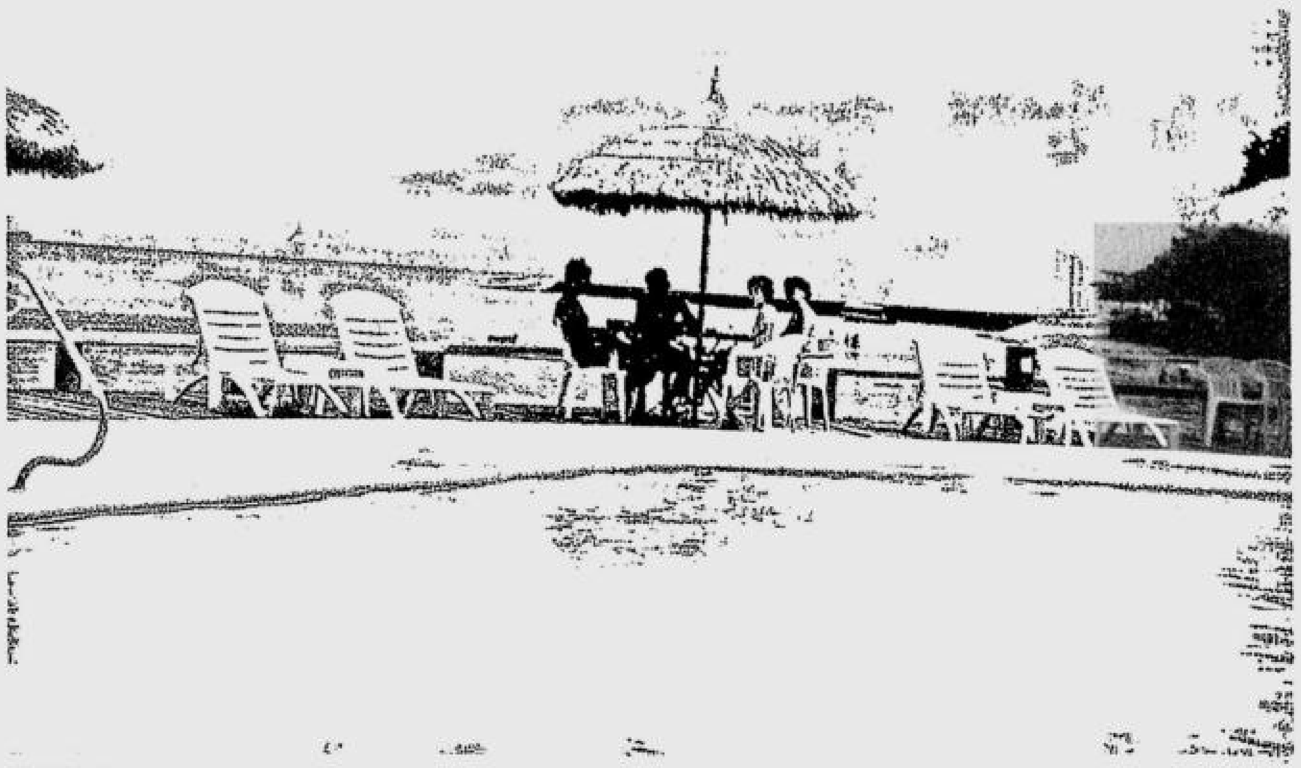
IN LINE with the international coastal cleanup observed every third Saturday of September in over 100 countries including the Philippines, Punta Baluarte general manager Levi P. Layug will head the cleanup in Calatagan, Batangas, on Sept. 28.

The Tourism Council of Calatagan was formed at a meeting last May 14, with Layug voted as president and Mayor Peter Oliver M. Palacio as honorary chair. Since the Calatagan coastline is marked by a number of prominent resorts like Punta Baluarte, the council deemed it appropriate that the first Calatagan Coastal Cleanup be the front-runner in its community-awareness activities.

The annual coastal cleanup started in the Philippines in 1994 under the aegis of the International Marinelife Alliance (IMA) Philippines, a non-profit, non-government marine conservation organization whose mission is to conserve marine biodiversity, protect marine environments and promote sustainable use of marine resources for the benefit of the local folk.

The first Calatagan Coastal Cleanup has for its objectives the following: increase awareness on the marine debris crisis; remove debris from the shores, underwater and waterways; and gather information to be submitted to the Center for Marine Conservation in Washington, D.C. for inclusion in an international study on marine debris.

The cleanup will include 25 barangays, of which six are in the highlands and 19 are coastal areas.



PUNTA Baluarte takes the lead in the coastal cleanup.

MARVELOUS Mayon is a sight to see on a Peñafrancia tour.

New regional manager

MULTI-AWARDED Korean national carrier Asiana Airlines announces the appointment of Hyun il Kim as regional manager of its Manila regional sales office.

Kim was among the pioneering officers of Asiana in 1988, beginning his career as manager of bilateral and international affairs. He worked on gaining international traffic rights for the airline and was instrumental in its starting operations in the Philippines. He also arranged for its traffic rights through Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore and Japan.

He went on to earn an MBA in international aviation at the Concordia University in Montreal before returning to Asiana as manager for passenger marketing. His involvement with the company's Global Strategic Alliance Strategy Development resulted in several commercial agreements with international airlines.

By 2001, as senior manager of Asiana's Alliance Team, Kim had negotiated eight code-sharing agreements with other carriers, as well as the airline's upcoming membership in the Star Alliance.

As regional manager, Kim will oversee Manila operations, considered one of Asiana's strongest performing regional offices.

New business class

CATHAY Pacific Airways recently teamed up with Escada to produce the fashion show "Colours of Elegance" at the Shangri-La Edsa Plaza Mall, which also featured a simulated display of the airline's new business class.

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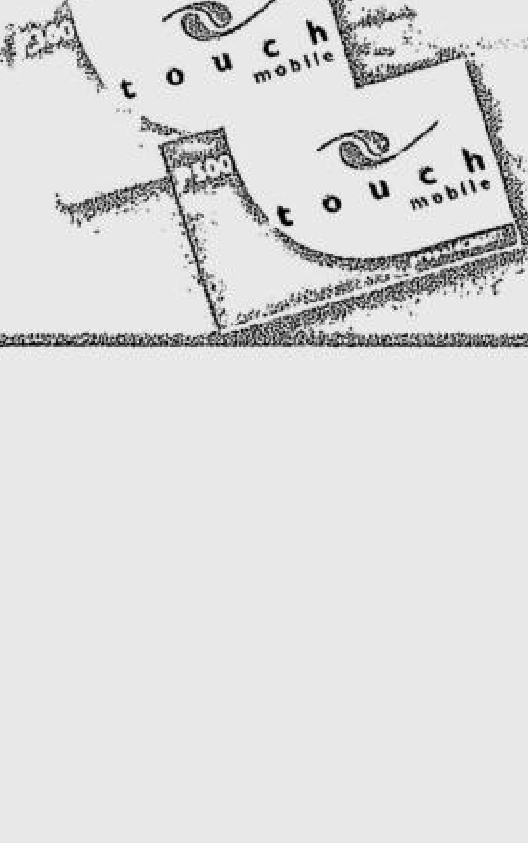
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MAJABA DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

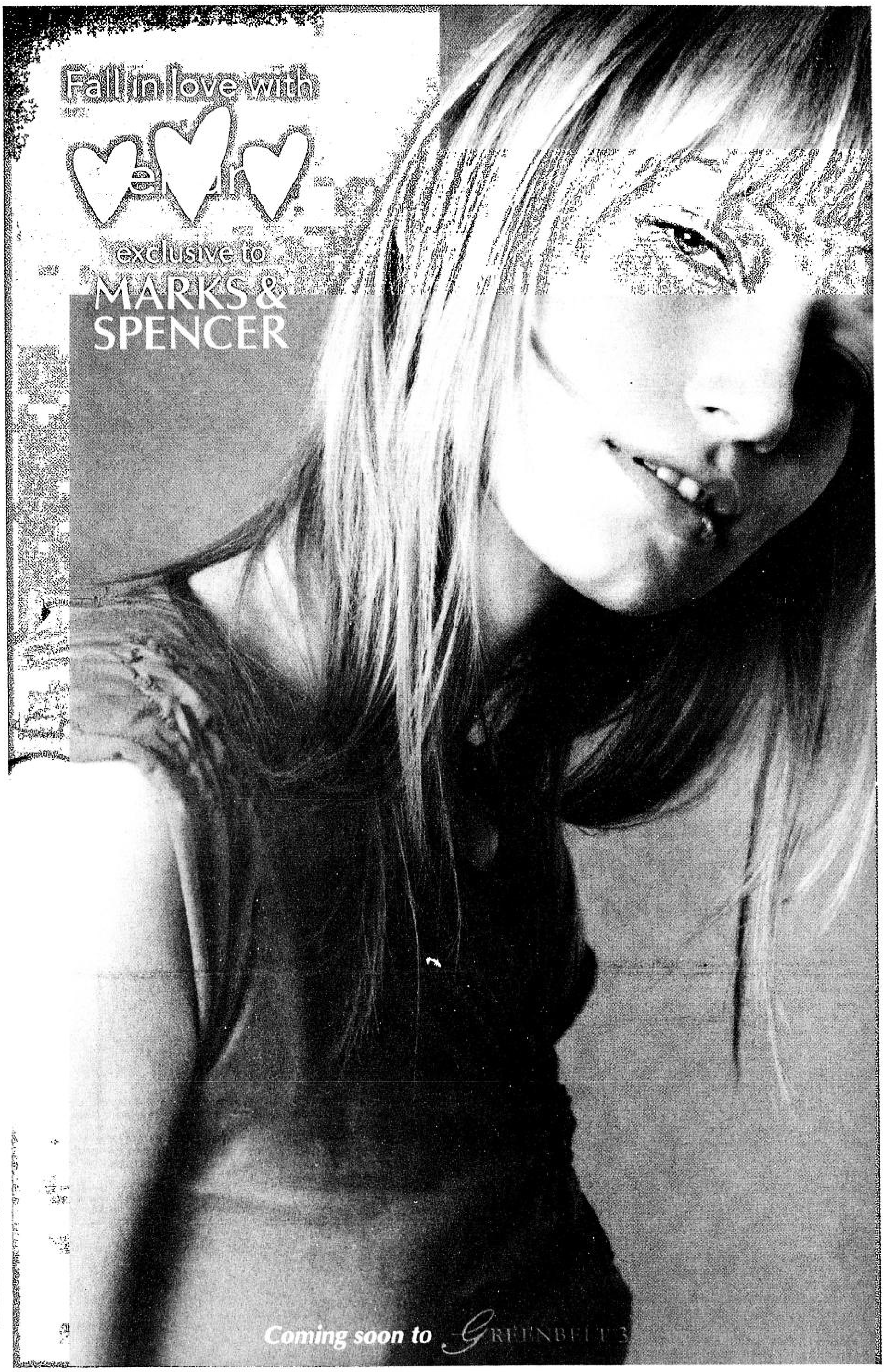
Francisco Majaba and the former **Josefina Maniaul** of Sta.Ana, Manila, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary recently.

MANAHAN GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Amading and **Fanny Manahan** renewed their matrimonial vows yesterday at the Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Bulacan. The whole Morelos-Manahan clan was present to share this joyous 50th golden wedding anniversary celebration. Reception followed at Café Valenzuela, Guiguinto, Bulacan.

DEJODE-RUÑA

Jean Claude Dejode exchanged marital vows with **Leila Ruña** on Aug. 12 at the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Reception followed at Kanhuraw Convention Center, Kanhuraw Hills, Tacloban City.



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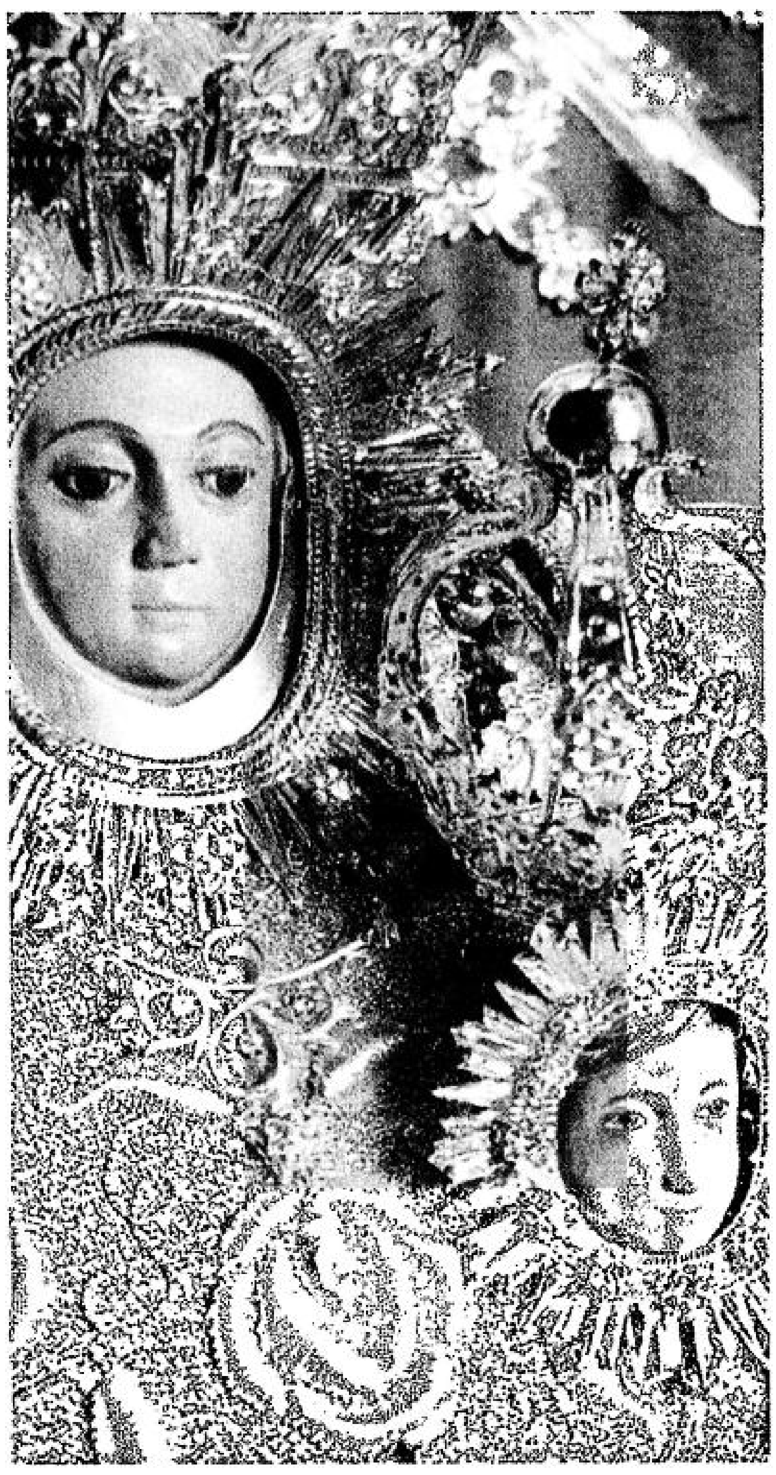

Legion of Mary celebrates 81st anniversary of its foundation

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It is a life of prayer and work that leads to holiness

THE CAUSE for the beatification of the founder of Legion of Mary, Frank Duff, has still to be acted upon by the Vatican. The cause was submitted to the Vatican by the international headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, two years ago.

Members of the Legion of Mary recently celebrated the 81st anniversary of their foundation. The legionaries continue their home visitation of the sick, attending to the spiritual needs of those in the streets, talking to those who work in bars and clubs, and giving away rosaries and prayer leaflets.

Who was Bro. Frank Duff?

I saw the picture of Bro. Frank Duff for the first time last June 7 in Malate Church, when his 113th birth anniversary was celebrated by two presidiums: Star of the Sea, headed by Dr. Fely Carmen; and Maria Remidiorum, with Artem Deanon as president.

I prayed to Brother Duff and promised to write about him. Two months later, Mila Jante asked me before the 7 p.m. Mass one Saturday morning if I wanted to be an auxiliary member. Then, out of the blue, Dr. Carmen sent me a handbook on the Legion of Mary.

Bro. Frank Duff was born in Dublin, Ireland, on June 7, 1889. He formed the first presidium with Fr. Michael Toher and a group of Catholic women on Sept. 7, 1921. From that date until his death on Nov. 7, 1980, he had been guiding the Legion of Mary. He attended the Second Vatican Council as a lay observer.

According to Bro. Edgar Margarejo, Frank Duff was ahead of his time. Even before Vatican II promulgated the apostolate of the laity, Brother Duff had already put down on the handbook that "the great function of the Legion of Mary is to develop the sense of a lay vocation."

In the Philippines, the Legion of Mary was founded on July 21, 1940, by Fr. Manuel Gracia, the late Pacita Santos and Prof. Joaquin Lucas. The late Archbishop Artemio Casas described the legionary's work as "silent but eloquent." It is a life of prayer and work that leads to holiness.

Parishes who wish to put up a Legion of Mary presidium may call Brother Edgar at tel. 926-2372, or fax request to tel. 926-2758. Those who wish to have prayers for the beatification of Bro. Frank Duff can write Senatus of Philippines at 53 Dangay St., Project 7, QC. Senatus president is Bro. Brigido Valmadrid.

Virgen de los Remedios

There is a Kapampangan tradition that all parishes gather at the annual celebration of the canonical coronation of Virgen de los Remedios every Sept. 8. The Virgin's antique jewels, donated by Pampanga's rich ladies, are brought out of the vault and put on her. The laudate is sung while the *hermana*, together with the Archbishop, places the crown on her head, according to Daves Aguas.

Caring HANDS is 7 years old

Caring HANDS Foundation (which stands for "Help a Needy Diocesan Servant") recently turned 7, with a High Mass celebrated by Bishop Antonio Ranola at the Gumaca Cathedral in Quezon.

This was the first time that the celebration was held out of town. Thirteen parishes, including two seminaries, will benefit from the foundation's livelihood projects. Fr. Cecil Datar is the spiritual director.

Parishes that would like to ask for aid can write Fr. Cecil Datar or Edmundo Kaimpa at Caring HANDS Foundation, 3/F Baysix Building, 700 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City, or call 633-9620.

Centering Prayer seminar

Contemplative Outreach Philippines is holding an introductory Centering Prayer Retreat at the St. Joseph Marello House in Tagaytay until today. For more info and registration, please call 842-0201 or 843-8292.

Fund-raising for Joy Royo

Fashion designer Jaime "Joy" Royo is suffering from a debilitating kidney disease that requires dialysis twice a week. Friends from the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines (FDAP) and God Loves Catholic Charismatic Community organized a mini fashion show at the Bistro Michelle last Aug. 25 to raise funds for Joy's medical expenses. The models and makeup artists rendered free services.

At the helm were Lito Perez, Edgar San Diego, Ole Morabe (new FDAP president), Gino Fernando and Rheez Chua.

I saw Arturo Go of God Loves, Frederick Peralta, Ali Garcia (who is the new president of Global Alliance of OCWS), Barge Ramos,

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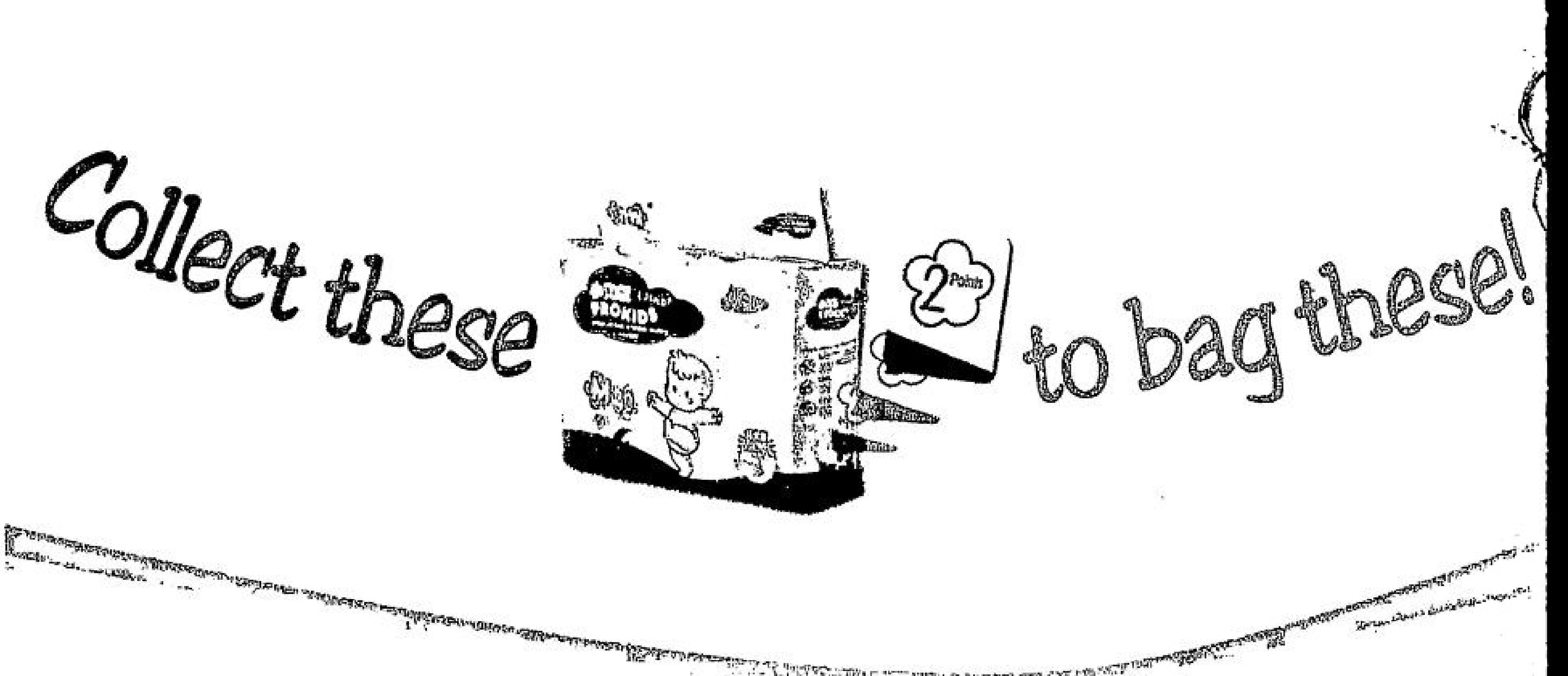
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Fanny Serrano, Eddie Baddeo, Gerry Katigbak, Rene Bisquera and Oskar Atendido.

Lolita Mirpuri came with brother Jun Escobar; Councilor Wilma Sarino was also there. It was a reunion of old friends who came to show their support for a friend.

Fashion designers and others who wish to help can write FDAP c/o Lito Perez at 27 Madison St., North Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila, or call him at 725-0819. Those who wish to help can give checks payable to Jaime "Joy" Royo and send them to the above address.

Pilgrimages

Mary is called Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, also known as Our Lady of Antipolo. The image, made in black wood, originated in Acapulco, Mexico, and was brought to Manila by Gen. Juan Niño de Tabora on March 26, 1626.

During those times, commerce and trade, including travels for the sake of religion, were done through galleon trips. The guidance of Nuestra Señora de la Paz y Buen Viaje made the travels of sailors astonishing and successful as she traveled with them on board the galleons back and forth to Acapulco, Mexico. It is now a tradition that Mary, Our Lady of Antipolo, serves to protect us in the journeys in life and of faith.

Today many pilgrims come to Our Lady of Antipolo to attend the Holy Mass, visit the image, light a candle and pray, kiss the mantle of Our Lady. Through the centuries, devotion to Our Lady has witnessed significant events in the lives of our people.

Through the collaborative spirit of the National Shrine Coordinating Council and the untiring efforts of Bishop Crisostomo Yalung, DD, the incumbent shrine rector, Rev. Fr. Enrico S. Salazar, has lined up various Marian activities from Sept. 7 to Jan. 1, 2003, in preparation for the fourth World Meeting of Families.

To further promote the role of Mary in the Christian Family Life, Nuestra Señora de la Paz y Buen Viaje Art Gallery presents its Marian exhibition, "Journeying with Mary: Si Maria Kabahagi sa Paglalakbay ng Buhay Pampamilya," at the 2/F of the National Shrine Diocese of Antipolo, Antipolo City.

It showcases late 18th- and 19th-century images of Regina Coeli, Virgen de las Flores, Virgen Dolorosa, Virgen de Montserrat, Our Lady of the Abandoned, Our Lady of Manaoag, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Nuestra Señora de Guia, Our Lady of Caysasay, Divina Pastora, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, Niña Maria and Immaculate Conception from private collections.

Exhibition runs until Dec. 31. Mariology talk and novena dedicated to Nuestra Señora de la Paz y BuenViaje are scheduled every first Saturday of the month.

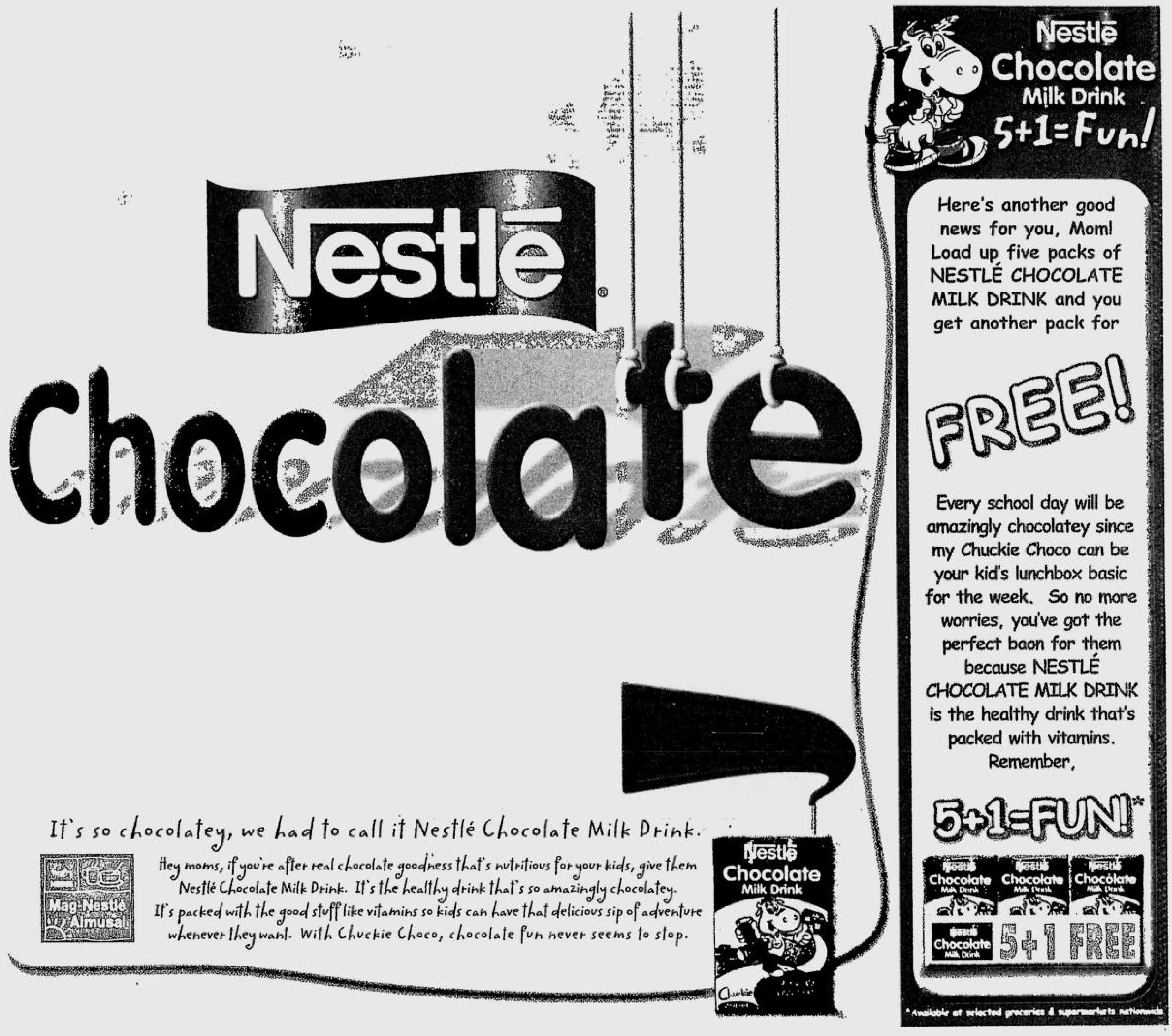
This celebration will be capped with a grand Marian procession and fireworks display on Jan. 1, 2003, the feast day of Mary, Mother of God. Everyone is invited.

Feeding the children

The stylists and manicurists of Gem Salon on P. Guevarra Street, San Juan, recently went to White Cross Orphanage to feed the children and give them toys. Such activity marked the salon's 10th anniversary.

Seminar

The I Empathize Group for depressives will hold a seminar on Sept. 18, 2-6 p.m., at 9/F Galleria Corporate Center on Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City. The event is sponsored by Elli Lilly Pharmaceuticals. To join, call Connie at (0917) 810-2445 or Mimi at 847-1282; (Cebu) Joseph (0917) 694-9305 or 413-4788.



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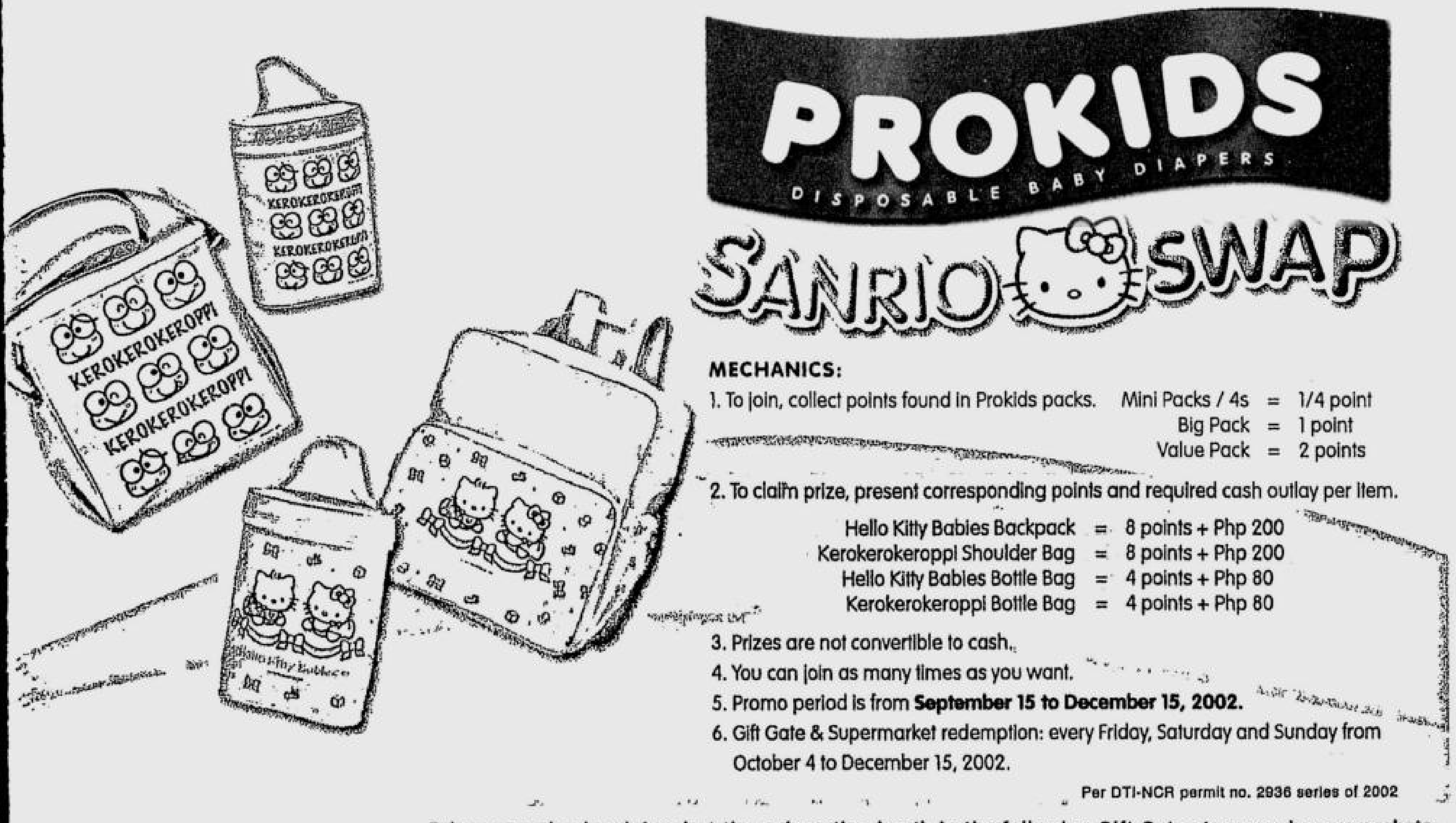

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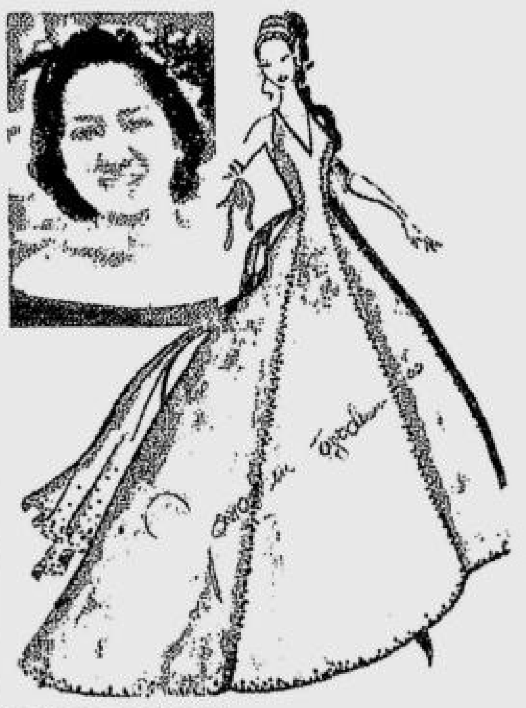

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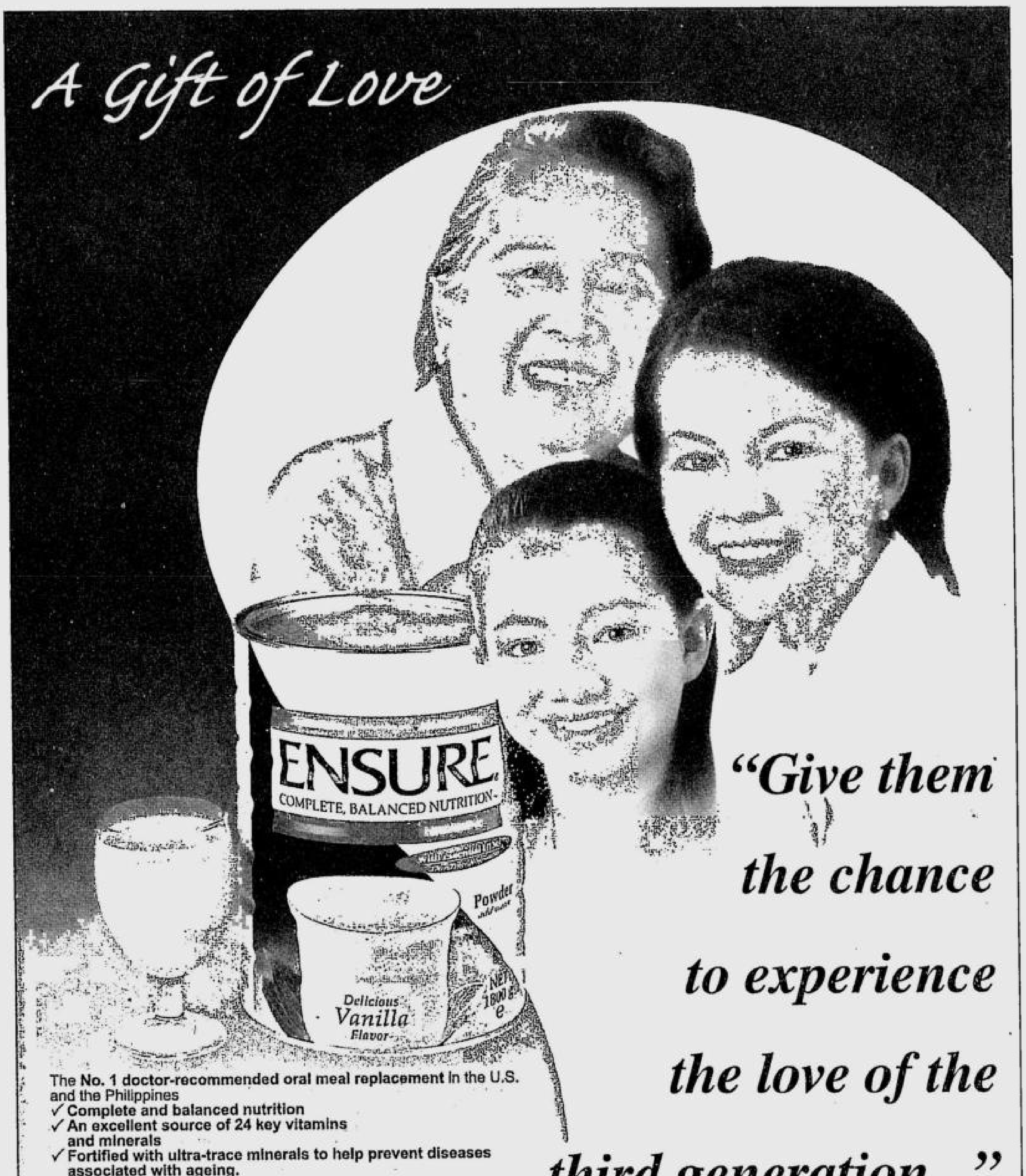
Ida wore two gowns specially designed and created for her by **Jonathan Pagaduan** of the Design Society of the Philippines (DSP).

The gowns with smocking design were highlighted by glass-cut beads and Swarovski crystals on two-tone colors of blue-violet and pink, and sky-blue lilac and silver combination.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- Strong background experience in community development, house construction, program planning and management, urban planning and development, organizational development, board and executive team relations
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; computer literate; willing to travel

TECHNICAL OFFICERS (for Luzon and Visayas/Mindanao) (Code: TO)

To implement, supervise and develop creative and innovative appropriate technology with the Affiliates in the assigned areas towards building more sustainable housing programs grounded on Habitat's principles

- Must be registered civil engineers or architects; between the ages of 30-40
- At least 5 years experience in construction and social development work
- Good presentation and mentoring skills, computer literate; willing to travel and work irregular hours

OD SPECIALIST (Code: ODS)

To develop, plan, implement and evaluate organizational intervention and staff training needs to support the organization's mission and vision

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology, HR Management, Behavioral Science or related fields; between the ages of 30-35
- At least 5 years hands-on experience in HR development, OD and training in medium-sized organization; preferably with NGO background
- Self-motivated; excellent presentation and communication skills; strong leadership, interpersonal and organizational abilities; computer literate; willing to work long and irregular hours

TRAINING ASSISTANT (Code: TA)

To provide administrative, logistical and technical support to the Training Unit in support of the Foundation's mission, goals and principles

- Bachelor's degree in HR-related courses; between the ages of 26-30
- At least 4 years experience in an administrative position; preferably with a Training Department in an NGO or in a multi-cultural environment
- Self-motivated; good organization, administration, negotiation and interpersonal skills; computer literate; willing to go on field assignments and work irregular hours

Qualified candidates should send their application and updated resumé no later than September 20 to:

The Human Resources Manager
152 Lopez-Rizal Street, Bgy. Highway Hills, 1550 Mandaluyong City
(Please indicate CODE)
E-mail: HR@habitat.org.ph

(Candidates who do not hear from us within 3 weeks from the deadline need not follow-up. Previous applicants need not apply.)

IIRR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

The International Institute of Rural Reconstruction is a global intermediary development organization working in several countries with the poor and their communities as our partner, enabling them to improve their lives and achieve their full potential. IIRR is searching for qualified candidates for:

Director of Facilities and Services

Reporting to the President, the Director of Facilities and Services will be responsible for managing and promoting the facilities and services at the Y. C. James Yen Center, and for providing leadership in developing and implementing effective systems in 1) facilities marketing, 2) housekeeping and dining services and 3) maintenance and transportation services. He/she will ensure quality, efficiency and effectiveness in providing services to international course participants, guests and staff of IIRR, and the financial viability and sustainability of the Yen Center operations. The Y. C. James Yen Center - a 54-hectare complex in Silang, Cavite - provides accommodation and dining services to participants in IIRR's international training courses and study programs, and other guests; and maintains staff housing, hostel, conference and recreational facilities.

Key Responsibilities:
Supervise and ensure implementation of effective operating systems for (a) hostel, dining and transportation services, and (b) facilities and ground maintenance; supervise the development and implementation of a marketing and promotion management plan for the Yen Center facilities and services; coordinate with other IIRR units in planning the provision of accommodation and other services to training and workshop participants and guests; establish systems and procedures for monitoring and evaluating the quality of service that is provided for course participants, guests and staff; contribute to the resource development efforts of IIRR and ensure proper use and maintenance of all operating resources; direct the Yen Center Management Team; and, serve as a member of other IIRR Management Teams.

Requirements: Graduate of Master in Business Administration; at least five (5) years experience, two (2) years of which in a managerial capacity in a hotel, property or facilities management environment; with work experience from both business and non-profit sectors; strong administrative and business skills; dynamic and can work with minimum supervision; with effective communication and people skills; preferably, with professional experience within a multi-cultural work environment.

The post is based in Silang, Cavite. Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest before October 15, 2002, together with curriculum vitae; contact information, three letters of references with addresses and contact numbers; recent passport-size photograph, and transcript of records to:

The Human Resources Office
International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
Km. 39, Aguinaldo Highway, Silang, 4118, Cavite
Tel: (046) 414-2417; Fax: (046) 414-2420
E-Mail: humanresources@iirr.org
or visit our website: www.iirr.org

The NGOs for Integrated Protected Areas, Inc. (NIPA), a consortium of leading civil society organizations involved in environmental and development work, which focuses on protected area management invites qualified men and women to fill-in the following positions:

PROJECTS OFFICER (3)

Position Classification: Junior Technical
Salary range: 15,000.00 - 25,000.00
Qualifications:

- College graduate
- Computer proficient (ms word, excel, power point, printshop)
- With at least two years experience in project development/feasibility study and project monitoring and evaluation
- Preferably with experience in the field of environment and/or protected area management

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (1)

Position Classification: Junior Technical
Salary Range: 10,000.00 - 20,000.00
Qualifications:

- College graduate
- Proficient in English language written and oral communication
- Computer Proficient (ms word, excel, power point, printshop)
- With at least two years experience in office administration

FINANCE STAFF (1)

Position Classification: Junior Technical
Salary Range: 10,000.00 - 20,000.00
Qualifications:

- Accounting or Business Management graduate
- Computer proficient (ms word, excel, power point)
- With finance / audit experience

GENERAL SERVICES STAFF (1)

Position Classification: General Services
Salary Range: 5,000.00 - 15,000.00
Qualifications:

- College level preferred
- With at least one year driving experience
- With knowledge in basic automotive trouble shooting
- Can drive 4-wheel and 2-wheel vehicle
- Computer literate

Please submit detailed resumé with recent photo to:

The President
NIPA, Inc., #28 Wisdom St., Carmel Subdivision
Project 6, Quezon City
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- With at least two (2) years work experience in fine-dining operations
- With outgoing personality, good communication and interpersonal skills and leadership abilities

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- Male, from 20 to 30 years old
- With certificate of skills training in any Restaurant Service course
- With at least two (2) years work experience in fine-dining restaurant
- Can deal courteously and graciously with different types of people

DESIGN ARTIST

- Graduate, Fine Arts, Graphic Design or related course
- Computer proficient
- Creative
- Preferably with relevant work experience in fast food business

TRANSPORT SUPERVISOR

- Background in Mechanical Engineering
- 25 to 35 years old
- With valid driver's license

QUALITY CONTROL STAFF

- Graduate, Food Technology
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- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Computer literate
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- > Graduate of BS Accountancy or other related courses

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- > Graduate of Marketing, Business Administration or other related courses
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Only short listed applicants will be scheduled for examination and interview.

The Human Resource Specialist
Compassion International Philippine Office
Second Floor, 99 E & L Building
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Tel. No. 373-30-21 up to 23

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- Proficient in Excel and Word
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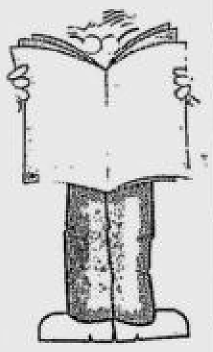

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- ➢ Preferably with background in law or has taken some masteral units in Human Resources or MBA
- ➢ With at least ten (10) years working experience in an HR Office, at least five (5) years of which in managerial status, preferably in a unionized environment
- ➢ With hands-on working knowledge in all facets of HR Management such as payroll, benefits administration, recruitment, training, employee relations and organizational development
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- ➢ Must have good working knowledge of MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint
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**HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc.
Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City**
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Interested persons meeting the above requirements should submit a letter of interest together with curriculum vitaé, bio-data, education, professional experience, names of three referees, current salary, and copy of diploma, before Monday, September 30, 2002 to:

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The Commercial and Customer Service Manager shall:

Set up effective and efficient policies and procedures in contract review and monitoring, price increase implementation and pricing manual administration.

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- ➢ Managing the customer inbound telephone orders, and outbound marketing and customer management sales calls
- ➢ Monitoring orders and deliveries to customers & service levels attained
- ➢ Monitoring accounts receivables, invoicing, debit/credit notes, cash sales and data base updates
- ➢ Monitoring cylinder in inventory and accounting of customers
- ➢ Handling inquiries of CIGI products, standards and services
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The candidates will most likely have a background in a customer call center/service role or in commercial management and marketing skills would also be an advantage.

We also require him/her to have a thorough working knowledge of the software programs: MS WORD.EXCEL and POWERPOINT plus, excellent communication, organizational, and written skills.

Required Education/Skills/Experience:

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- ➢ Understand large variance to plan
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- ➢ Prepare strategic reviews/annual plans
- ➢ Assist business decision making with ad hoc financial analysis
- ➢ Discuss transfer pricing/costs allocation issues

He/She must have the following qualifications:

- ➢ 25-35 years old
- ➢ Graduate of any Engineering or Business course, preferably with MBA degree or units
- ➢ Must have a thorough working knowledge of the software programs: MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint
- ➢ With excellent communications skills and he/she must be a team player, in managing changes and innovations
- ➢ Must be business-oriented with particular strengths in strategic planning

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
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- ➢ With at least (2) two - year work experience in the retail business in a managerial capacity
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- ➢ Must have excellent performance in terms of reaching financial objectives
- ➢ Must possess an above average marketing and negotiating skills
- ➢ Must have good judgement and leadership skills
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- ➢ Must be proactive, analytical, well-travelled, results-oriented, creative and with good fashion/cosmetics sense

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Human Resources & Organization Development Division
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(Only qualified applicants will be scheduled for an interview)

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The Admin Manager
McConnell Dowell Philippines Inc.
706 Richville Corporate Centre
1314 Commerce Ave. Ext. Madrigal Business Park
Alabang, Muntinlupa City

Note: **Applications close at 4 p.m. Friday 20 September 2002**
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Must have specialized formal education in Culinary or Baking of at least 1 year. Must have completed a post secondary course in a university or college. Must be equally adept in handling classes for beginners & for professionals who wish to update their knowledge in Culinary or Baking Arts. Should be personable, with excellent English communication skills, computer literate and would like to undertake teaching as a serious profession.

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28–32 years old, graduate of Food Technology or other related courses. With practical experience in food processing, commercial food production and commissary operations. Must have excellent leadership skills.

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28-32 year old. Graduate of HRM/HRA or other management related courses; To supervise purchaser, inventory/ stockclerks. Must have at least 3 years relevant work experience in purchasing, warehousing and F & B Cost Control; computer literate in spread sheet applications; must have supervised 3 or more people.

ACCOUNTANTS

Female, at least 28 years old, must have an eye for detail, good interpersonal skills & leadership ability. Work experience in the food service industry is a plus factor.

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Will be responsible for planning, organizing and implementing the technical documentation, establish System and Procedures, and Scope of Works.

Basic Qualifications include
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Basic Qualifications include
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- ✓ Engineering graduate
- ✓ 1 year experience in Facility Maintenance and Operations

3. Mechanics

Responsible in the maintenance and repair of pumps, air handling units, cooling towers, compressors and other facility equipments.

Basic Qualifications include
- ✓ Trade School graduate in Mechanical Technology or related field
- ✓ 2 years experience in Facility Maintenance and Operations

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Female, 22-30 years old; graduate of Secretarial or Business course; with at least 2 years experience in the same capacity; good communication skills; with pleasing personality and organized.

RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT

Graduate of any technical, behavioral, medical science related course, preferably with relevant experience in IT/Technical Recruitment and General Recruitment, must be familiar with the current recruitment practices in the Philippines.

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Tel. Nos.: (02) 533-0465 or (02) 578-082
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ELECTRICAL AUTOCAD DRAFTSMAN

Qualification:
- Tertiary qualifications in Electrical Engineering
- Formal training with AutoCAD

Experience: Ideally the candidate will have worked as an electrical draftsman in a design Or construction office for a minimum of 5 years undertaking AutoCAD Electrical Drawings including
- Single Line Diagram
- Termination Diagram
- Interconnection Diagram
- Panel Layouts
- Cable block Diagram
- Panel Loop Diagrams

Age Range:
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Duties:
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The Admin Manager
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706 Richville Corporate Centre
1314 Commerce Ave. Ext. Madrigal Business Park
Alabang, Muntinlupa City

Note: **Applications close at 4 p.m. Friday 20 September 2002**
Pasay, Parañaque applicants are highly prioritized.
Walk-in Applicants will not be entertained

NEW YORK-BASED COMPANY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS (U.S./Manila)

- ➢ Female, 24-29 years old
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- ➢ Basic computer knowledge

Mail your resumé with picture at:

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or fax to 729-0160

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- Responsible for the execution of company objectives in accordance with company policies and plans.
- Must be CPA; with minimum of 5 years experience in similar capacity with good interpersonal, organizational and planning skills
- With above average analytical skills and strong leadership skills, customer oriented and can related well to all levels in an organization
- Male/Female, 28-40 years old

JUNIOR AUDITOR
- Male/Female, not more than 25 years old
- Must be B.S. Accounting graduate and with good scholastic records
- With at least 2 years experience in the same capacity
- CPA is an advantage but not required
- Dependable, energetic and assertive
- Must be computer literate and with good skills in written and oral communication

CONTROL CLERK
- Male/Female, 21-25 years old
- Must be BSC, Accounting graduate
- With at least 2 years experience in similar capacity
- Must be computer literate.

Interested applicants are requested to apply in person and bring their 2x2 picture and latest Resumé, Transcript of Records, and other relevant credentials on September 16 to 20, (Monday to Friday) 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at:

Administrative and Personnel Department
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Cafeteria Supervisor/Manager
- ✦ Graduate of Food Service Management, BSND, HRM or any related course in a reputable school;
- ✦ With at least three (3) years experience in cafeteria and executive lounge operations
- ✦ Computer literate
- ✦ Possesses strong leadership qualities/abilities
- ✦ With pleasing personality and good to excellent oral and written communication skills
- ✦ Willing to work long hours

Nutritionist/Dietitian
- ✦ Female, not more than 35 years of age
- ✦ Graduate of BSND in a reputable school
- ✦ Must be licensed
- ✦ With at least two (2) years experience in cafeteria/restaurant operations
- ✦ Computer literate
- ✦ Willing to work long hours

Storeroom/Stockroom Clerk
- ✦ At least 5'2" for female, 5'5" for male
- ✦ At least 2nd year college level
- ✦ Experience in storeroom/stockroom operation required

Personnel Clerk (for Metro Manila only)
- ✦ Female
- ✦ Not more than 30 years of age
- ✦ Graduate of BS Psychology or Behavioral Science
- ✦ Computer literate
- ✦ With at least a year of experience

Cashier
- ✦ Graduate of any 2 or 4 year course
- ✦ Not over 35 years of age
- ✦ Preferably female
- ✦ Has pleasing personality and with good oral and written communication skills
- ✦ With at least a year of experience

Food Service/Counter Crew
- ✦ At least 2nd year college level
- ✦ Experience in cafeteria operation preferred but not required
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- ✦ Has pleasing personality and with good oral and written communication skills
- ✦ Position open to fresh graduates

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- ✦ Male, not more than 40 years of age at least 5'5" in height
- ✦ At Least 2nd year college level
- ✦ Has pleasing personality and with good oral and written communication skills

Interested applicants may mail or bring their resumé on or before September 30, 2002 at
Albergus Management Inc.
c/o Robert R. Lamprea
#16-A Capitol Hills Rd., Old Balara Diliman, Q.C.
(from Monday to Saturday-9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only)

The resumé should be accompanied with 2 pcs 2X2 ID picture (recent/blue background), NBI or Police Clearance, Health Certificate, and Letter of Recommendation.

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FITNESS MANAGER & GYM COORDINATOR
- 23 & above male or female
- Graduate of a respectable institution with major in P.E. or Physical Therapy (Preferably Licensed)
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- Customer Relation Experience is an advantage
- Responsible for day to day operation
- Organized and coordinate with all department to insure the proper operations of the facility
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- 25 & above male or female
- Graduate of a respectable institution local or abroad with major in Marketing / Business management
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  - 1.) Create a thorough Target Market study and strategy
  - 2.) Create a pricing strategy for the facilities based on the Target Market study
  - 3.) Design a marketing and promotional strategy
  - 4.) Hiring and training the sales team

PHYSICAL TRAINERS
- 21 & above male or female
- Graduate of a respectable institution with majors in P.E. or Physical Therapy (Preferably Licensed)
- Computer Literate & English Speaking
- Preferably Physically Fit
- Customer Relation Experience is an advantage

SERVICE TEAM SUPERVISORS
- 25 & above male or female
- Has taken up courses on Service Management and any related course
- Willing to work shifting schedule
- At least 2 years experience handling people
- Computer Literate & English Speaking
- Customer relation experience is an advantage

FACIAL AND MASSAGE THERAPISTS
RECEPTIONISTS
- Female, 18-30 years old
- Willing to undergo training with shifting schedule
- Pleasing Personality
- At least 5'2", Fluent in spoken English
- At least High School Graduate

Interested applicants please apply personally at No. 60 Timog Avenue, Cor. Tomas Morato beside Petron. look for Maricel or call 372-47-22. Please bring (2x2) ID picture and Resumé.

Applicants needed for the position of:

Accounting Clerk

B.S. Accounting Graduate
Female, not more than 30 years old
with at least one (1) year minimum
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Bookkeeper

Part time basis only
B.S. Accounting Graduate
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work experience

Send resumé to:

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Quezon City 1114

Graphic/Visual Merchandising Artist

- Graduate of fine arts/advertising
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- 22 to 26 yrs. old

Van Salesman

- College graduate, 24-35 years old
- 2 years driving experience
- Knowledgeable of routes in Metro Manila
- Sales experience an advantage

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GARMENT MANUFACTURER IS LOOKING FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED:

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- Male or Female, below 35 years old
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B.) HRD HEAD

- Female between 23-35 years old
- With at least 1-2 years experience in HRD Management
- Above average communication skills (must be fluent in English) and computer literate
- With good leadership skills (Should be a team player)

C.) HRD ASSISTANT/STAFF

- Female between 20-35 years old
- Computer literate
- With working experience

PLEASE APPLY AT NO. 17 WEST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY WITH RESUMÉ, 2x2 ID PICTURE, TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS & OTHER DOCS. DAILY: 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

WANTED

BUS DRIVER/ MECHANIC

- Must have at least 5 years experience in driving Tour Buses, Company and Shuttle Buses
- Must have adequate knowledge as mechanic
- At least High School Graduate
- At least 25 years old, but not more than 35 years old

Please apply personally at the UST-HRD and bring the following:

Bio-data, ID picture, Professional Driver's License, Certificate of Employment, NBI Clearance.

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Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo)
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☑ Proficient in computer networking technologies and server administration (Windows NT and Unix platform)
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☑ Must be proficient in any 3D CAD and visualization software
☑ Preferably with experience in designing lighting fixtures

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☑ Must have experience in industrial sales of lighting fixtures
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200 AIRPORT DRIVERS

Male/Female, 25-35 years old
College level/or with Vocational Course
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Male/Female, not over 26 years old, graduate of any four year business course.
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Office of the Director

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Attractive compensation awaits

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☐ Knowledgeable in government reporting procedures
☐ Proficient in computer software application
☐ Good oral and written communication skills

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QUALIFICATIONS:
☐ Single
☐ College graduate in the field of secretary
☐ Computer literate
☐ Excellent in oral and written communication skills
☐ Able to work alone or with minimum supervision
☐ Flexible, demonstrate initiative and a good team player

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URGENTLY NEEDS

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- Female with pleasing personality
- 22 to 35 years old
- Preferably with experience but fresh graduates may apply
- Graduate of any business course
- Computer literate and highly proficient in oral and written English communication
- Must have strong organizational and coordination skills
- Knowledge of the Chinese language an advantage
- Willing to work extra hours if necessary

SALES AGENTS (3)

- Male or Female
- 21 to 32 years old
- Preferably with experience in selling hotel and restaurant equipment and supplies
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Must be highly aggressive, ambitious and hardworking
- Applicants with personal transport an advantage
- Must be a fast learner, trainable and a team player

Interested applicants may submit their resumé with at least two references and a recent 2" x 2" picture to:

The Office of the Chief Operations Officer
Cornerstone International Philippines
120 Sto. Domingo St., Quezon City

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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III. ACCOUNTING CLERK

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- For marketing Asst. preferably with experience in Freight Forwarding and Brokerage
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- Represent the company to clients

Qualifications

- Female / Male, not over 30 years old
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong moral & ethical character
- Works well in a multicultural environment
- Can work efficiently under pressure and time restriction
- Highly organized, Creative, Detail oriented, Resourceful, Flexible

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Qualifications:

Male or female, not more than 40 years old. Senior-level position in a fast-paced, high growth business. Minimum of six years experience. Bachelor's Degree, an MBA is preferred. Oversees all Human Resource Programs and administration, manages staff with proficiencies in specialized areas like compensation, employee relations, benefits, recruitment, training and labor relations.

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Qualifications:

Responsible for all financial and custodial accounting activities. Male or female, not more than 35 years old. BS Accounting, must be CPA. Five years experience, with strong background in retail and manufacturing firm; including running a ledger in an integrated systems environment. Knowlege of methodology to coordinate and standardized all functions according to corporate policies and procedure. With knowledge in using any computerized accounting software.

MARKETING & STRATEGIC PLANNING ASSISTANT

Qualifications:

Work on a wide range of challenging projects including advertising, sales strategies, new product development, pricing, and strategic business alliances. Provide key leadership and analytical support to major marketing efforts aimed at creating new revenue opportunities and improving current performance. Male or female, not more than 30 years old, graduate of Economics, Marketing, or Business Administration preferably from UP, La Salle, Ateneo, UST or UA and P. Superior analytical skills, experience in brand and project management would be an advantage, computer litrate and a team player.

If you are up to the challenge, send resumé at

c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
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Is in urgent need of:

SERVICE ENGINEER

- ○ male, not more than 30 years old
- ○ graduate of Electrical/Electronics Engineering course
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with the following qualifications:

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- ✓ Good organization skills and should be keen with details;
- ✓ Computer literate;
- ✓ Female not more than 25 years old.

The Marketing Services Staff/Department Secretary will be tasked to provide support to the product manager/account manager in marketing services work such as packaging design & brochures development and coordinating with suppliers and design agencies. She will also provide clerical support such as handling and filing communications, and others.

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The Administrative Manager
1052 Edsa Magallanes Village, Makati City 1232
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- Preferably good sales or training experience

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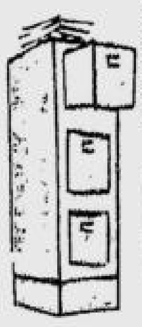

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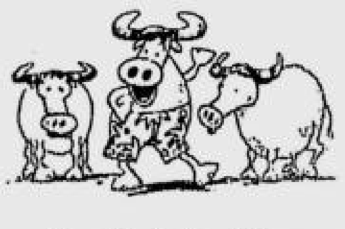

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Nita Hontiveros-Lichauco's

Pet Project

By Ruel S. De Vera
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The indefatigable and uncompromising president of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society leads by example in providing sanctuary for maltreated and abandoned animals

AS TINY and fragile as a newborn idea, the white kitten is warily eyeing a red plastic ball inside a cage as Nita Hontiveros-Lichauco hovers nearby. "A 26-year-old girl brought it today," she narrates. "She wanted to keep it as a pet but someone in her family was allergic to cats. So she brought it here and then she started crying. I consoled her. That's what we are, too. A support group."

"We" means the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), of which Nita is president, and "here" is PAWS headquarters in Horseshoe Village, Quezon City. The place is a halfway house for rescued dogs and cats, nurturing them for adoption. For Nita, this is the burrow for her band of animal lovers.

The lot echoes with barking and meowing. All told, more than 50 cats and dogs are currently housed here. Nita names each animal they shelter. Nita, she of the feline grace and wisdom, talks to every single one of them. And, believe it or not, they seem to listen. "Baby, just one picture, so stay still," she purrs to the frisky feline as the photographer takes aim. Suddenly, the cat actually seems to freeze, seems to pose. The flash goes off. That these animals may just listen to Nita shouldn't come as a surprise. After all, she's been living out this dogma of dogs—and cats—all her life.

Nita, or Ma. Teresita Pardo Hontiveros, was born in Capiz on August [illegible], 1927, the eighth of 10 children of Supreme Court Justice Jose Hontiveros and mother Vicenta Ruiz Pardo. At a very young age, Nita already displayed a strong affection towards animals. "We always had animals around the house," she recalls. "My parents taught us to be kind and to respect animals even at a tender age." She proved the most affectionate among the children, always bringing home stray animals to care for. "My mom kept saying, 'Not again,'" she laughs.

Her studies at the Assumption College were only briefly interrupted by the Second World War, after which she began college at the University of Santo Tomas, studying pre-law. When Nita broached intentions of studying medicine, a doctor asked her if she could dissect anything. "Not a thing," she answered. So much for medicine. Nita studied music instead, and would marry Alejandro Lichauco in 1957. The couple, however, has no children. "When people ask me about that, I answer 'Oh, about eight hundred.'"

As an organization, PAWS traces its origins back to 1954, when British teacher Muriel Jay and some expatriate friends first came together to discuss ways of helping animals. Already engaged in volunteer work at the time, Nita joined PAWS in 1964, one of only six Filipinos at the time. "I was in charge of making stuffed toys which we sold in bazaars," she remembers. "I needed to have something official because I was doing rescues on my own." When Jay died in 1968, the group faded away. Nita joined the Philippine Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In 1986, she left to form a group of her own, choosing to revive the organization she first joined. Thanks to Nita, PAWS was back on its, uh, paws.

Starting with a small group, Nita persevered through the years, saving a virtual Noah's Ark of animals. Beyond the familiar cats and dogs, Nita adds that PAWS has also helped care for tigers and recently filed a case against the operator of a dolphin show because the operator did not have the proper license from the Bureau of Animal Industry, among other violations. So, aside from being a Rescue 911 for K-9s and felines, PAWS is a, well, watchdog group for our fine furry friends.

She explains that PAWS is here because there is a pressing need for it right now. "It's better to do something now than to wait until we have a nice office. You can't wait." That's also why her members have to sacrifice to be able to do this kind of work. "We are 100 percent voluntary. We use our own vehicles, our own wallets. Never mind that we don't have money. We don't care. It is necessary. That's why we do this."

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The PAWS president with enthusiastic friend, H.T. Ritz

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Nita is thankful and excited that many young people are now signing up for their cause. "I didn't ask them, they just joined." While PAWS operates in Metro Manila only, it has grown considerably but is still small by all standards. While volunteers come and go, Nita says that they have 60 members, with 20 of them "very active."

Aside from the financial selflessness, Nita says that many PAWS members have to put up with a lot of ridicule. "These people feel they are being persecuted by their families and friends because they put time into helping animals. So we are considered an odd lot. Anybody who is driven for animals is considered a bit off."

Now these animal lovers actually have a new refuge for their rescued animals. The PAWS Animal Rehabilitation Center or PARC is concrete proof of their efforts. Built with the generous donation of a sweetheart lease from Don Manolo Lopez ("We're supposed to be paying one peso a year," Nita smiles) and pro bono architectural work from animal lover Larry Litchfield, PARC sprawls over a stretch of 5,000 square meters near Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City. Work on it began in 2000. Designed to hold five kennels, each one capable of housing 20 dogs, PARC currently only has one in operation due to monetary restraints, but Nita hopes they will be able to build the rest soon with more donations. "We keep the dogs as long as we feel they can be adopted," she continues. There will also be a cattery at PARC, expanding the Center's cat population beyond the three kittens currently housed there.

"An odd lot": Animals have every right to humane treatment, Nita says

Aside from the construction of PARC, the crowning achievement of PAWS' advocacy work would be the passage of Republic Act 8485, the revised Animal Welfare Act, on February 11, 1998. Nita beams with pride as she recounts how then-President Fidel Ramos himself stated "the signing of this bill is important because we have to be aware that animals are an important part of our society."

On a day-to-day basis, PAWS engages in the rescue and shelter of abandoned or maltreated pets. Beyond that, the group also educates people about the humane treatment of pets and is the Philippine implementing agent of Dr. Dog, a Hong Kong-based foundation that uses animals as a form of therapy in places for disabled and special children. The group also engages in fund-raising activities, such as the selling of, well, dog biscuits at bazaars.

Nita says that Philippine society really isn't humane when it comes to animals. "As Asians, we tend to look at animals more as property, more as utility rather than pets. But slowly, we are changing." Primarily, Nita says people treat animals badly out of ignorance. "They don't feel that animals feel the same way we do. And we tell them animals do." Nita adds that the government needs to be more assertive in implementing the Animal Welfare Act. She also explains that unlicensed "puppy mills" produce sick puppies, overwork the mother dogs and often result in the hoodwinking of unsuspecting buyers who believe they're buying purebred dogs. She notes that people should buy puppies from members of the Philippine Canine Club, Inc., which ensures the puppies are healthy and are actually the breed they're supposed to be.

Or you could adopt a puppy from PAWS. Nita explains that most of their dogs are mongrels, popularly termed "*askals*" or "*asong kalye,*" and so it is often up to PAWS to take care of these animals because most people want purebred dogs.

These dogs each have different stories—some found wandering in the streets, a few saved from being gassed, others barely saved from violent owners. Like the cats, these dogs are cared for when they fall into PAWS' custody. They are healed, and Nita christens them anew. "Give them good names, like those connected with money," she counsels, "because this gives the dogs a sense of value." Thus there are dogs in the house named NASDAQ, Dollar, Euro and Yen, as well as cats named Ritz and Bijou. Nita "fosters" the animals at PAWS until they're ready to be adopted and live with people again. "Support your animal shelter," she implores. "Come and see if there's an animal you'd like to adopt. We'd like to find good homes for all our guests."

She particularly detests the killing and eating of dogs as food. "There are people who actually fatten their dogs like *lechon* and then kill them when there's a birthday," she cringes. Nita is adamant that dog-eating is not embedded in Philippine culture. "It happens because it's easy to get money from dog meat, but it is not part of our tradition." She emphasizes that Section 6 of the Welfare Act states that only licensed veterinarians can kill a dog and that Metro Manila ordinance 8202 "forbids the killing and the serving and eating of the meat" in the metropolitan area.

This is where she believes PAWS can make an even greater impact through education. "We're just trying to raise the consciousness of our people. We are a good people. We are not deliberately cruel. The cruelty stems from ignorance of the fact that animals have the right to humane treatment."

Despite being 75, Nita isn't about to slow down in her dogged devotion to PAWS. In fact, she does nothing else now except PAWS work. "I am what you would call driven. It's beyond myself." In the end, she believes that someone has to do this work, even if others sneer and laugh, and even if others remain indifferent. "Let's say you take one hundred Filipinos," she explains. "Ninety-nine of them will be helping other people and maybe just one will be helping the animals. This is what you call division of labor. Animals are necessary in our lives."

Nita pauses and looks over at the small cage. The kitten, eyes wide open, is now playing with the red plastic ball, unhurried, unworried and undeniably safe.

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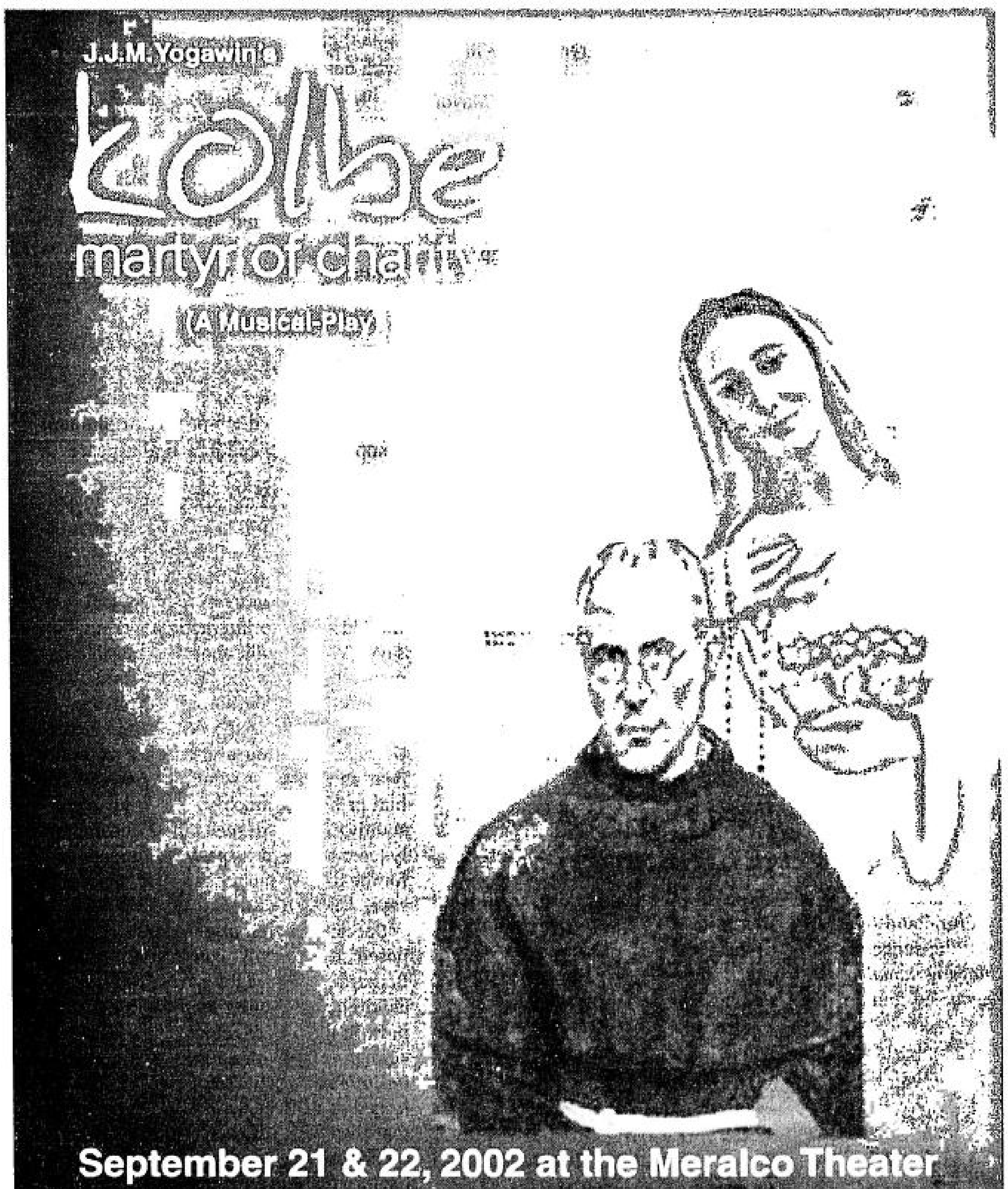

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Dr. Romulo with a pair of long-haired guinea pigs

The Doctor and His Friends

By Cathy Babao-Guballa

ONCE upon a time there was a young veterinarian whose mother was very ill with cancer and confined in a hospital. Wanting to make his mother's stay as pleasant as possible, together with his siblings, he would secretly sneak his mother's small aquarium with a pet goldfish into her hospital room when the nurses weren't looking. Soon, he noticed a change in his mother's mood and overall well-being. The other patients at the same hospital would also feel happy each time the vet and the goldfish would visit. Fast-forward six years later, the mother is now cancer-free and the young vet, Dr. Romulo Bernardo, now OIC-Director of the Public Recreations Bureau of the City of Manila, which properties include the Manila Zoo.

"Of course it was God who gave my mother the miracle of healing, but I really saw for myself how pets can make a difference in the life of a sick person," Dr. Bernardo explains one morning while making his rounds at the zoo. "Mayor Atienza has a soft spot for children, and one of his directives is to make the zoo as child-friendly as possible." True enough, there are many new attractions: a fountain, a huge playground and cleaner surroundings meet the visitor. The animals also now seem happier. Perhaps because they have a Dr. Dolittle in their midst?

After a goldfish helped his mother get better, this vet is healing people, with more than a little help from his furry, feathered or four-legged pals

Bernardo, together with his staff, conducts special programs aimed at helping young sick children, the marginalized (street children, or disabled and abused children) and the elderly. Ever so often, they go to schools and hospitals with their menagerie of guinea pigs, parrots, friendly snakes, dogs and fish, and let the children interact with them. Several days in a month, the city of Manila also brings in street children or abused children, and sets up activities where they are able to spend time with Bernardo's "wards." "A child's attention span is lengthened when there is animal interaction, and among sick children, especially those who are chronically ill, the healing process is hastened when they are allowed to interact with pets," Bernardo explains.

In the United States, various studies have shown that animal-assisted therapy can effectively reduce the loneliness of residents in long-term care facilities, and that senior citizens who own dogs go to the doctor less than those who do not. Pet owners have also been reported to have lower blood pressure. Realizing this, new nursing home facilities in New York and Texas have made animals and plants an integral part of their environment. Another study also showed that children exposed to humane education programs displayed enhanced empathy for humans compared with children not exposed to such programs.

Over at the Manila Zoo, Bernardo conducts similar programs and lectures which give emphasis on love for the environment and all that is in it. "After the lecture, we bring out the animals and give the kids time to interact with them," he says. "We also talk about responsible pet ownership—how to handle and feed them properly." Bernardo cites the danger of a child being exposed to animal maltreatment. "When a child sees an adult beat an animal, it somehow desensitizes him or her. So much so that if he is constantly exposed to such cruelty, he not only loses love and respect for animals, but for the rest of mankind as well," Bernardo says.

Special children also do well when exposed to animals constantly. In fact, Bernardo encourages parents of special children to provide them with their own pets. In a study of relationships between young people with autism and their pets, the interview data showed that all subjects displayed behavior toward their pet that they rarely, if ever, displayed toward human companions. Some of these behaviors were even contrary to the diagnostic criteria for autism. "In spite of a strong dislike by all the subjects of being touched or hugged, there was evident enjoyment in tactile comfort with the pets," the study said. Another study revealed that children who own pets score significantly higher on empathy and prosocial orientation scales than non-owners. "Animals and children seem to have a natural affinity for each other, "Bernardo says. And perhaps even more for the sick, marginalized and special children who, owing to their circumstances, share a unique bond with their animal friends—one that leads them to the very core of their humanity.

Bernardo graduated from the Gregorio Araneta University with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. At home he has two dogs, a Dalmatian and an Australian Shepherd, and some birds. He says that the most fulfilling part of his job is seeing the children enjoy the new facilities at the zoo, and learning from the seminars and lectures that his group gives. "When we are able to impart knowledge that they can use and that will benefit animals and the environment, that is most rewarding." Q

For more information on the Zoo's programs and services, please call 5258157 or 400-1885.

Their Paean to Pets

They're out to save the unwanted, the stray, the abused, but they advocate a practical brand of animal care that doesn't cost a bundle—or put pets ahead of people in need

By Ina Alleco R. Silverio
Photographs by Johnny Villena

FRIENDS of the hairy, scaly, feathered and furry, they call themselves the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). "Our day is not complete without a healthy dose of inter-specie affection," goes the slogan of this group of friends who share a strong bond with members of kingdom animalia.

Their pets, however, are not the pet shop pedigreed kind, nor are they going to win any medals in pet shows.

"Our pets are picked off the streets or the garbage pile, castaways dumped by owners who found that they didn't have the time or the patience to continue looking after these animals," says Me-Ann Yazon, 32.

ALF, she adds, was a name she got from an animal rights fanzine that she considers the equivalent of punk: "Animal care crossed with social responsibility," she laughs.

Me-Ann particularly recalls an "anarchist essay" that explains that, while we love our pets, we shouldn't forget that caring about people is more important. "It made me laugh at first, but a lot of it made sense. It criticized the fact that many middle and upper class households in Europe took obsessive care of their schnauzers and poodles—feeding them pet gourmet meals and having their baskets or cages lined with cushions or installed with heaters—while outside, bag ladies and winos freeze to death during the winter."

But Me-Ann, a staffer of the Center for Trade Union and Human Rights, is as quick to defend animal rights as she does civil liberties.

"It really makes me burn to see animals maltreated. " she says. "At least people can fight back."

Me-Ann can't help but be offended whenever she hears criminal behavior referred to as *asal hayop*, or when *animal* is used as a cuss word. "Animals only kill for food, in self-defense or in defense of their offspring," she points out, adding: "Humans, on the other hand, have created economic and political systems that kill millions of other people in the name of profit and territorial expansion. People tear at each other over cultural and religious differences." People, she suggests, should instead say, "*Talagang lumabas ang pagka-tao mo!*" (your being human shows through). "Nature's cruelty is nothing compared to what people are capable of when they're power-hungry and profit-greedy."

While she wishes she had funds to splurge on animal accessories, she adds that she probably won't buy them after all lest her conscience bother her. Pet shampoos, she notes, are even more expensive than those used by people.

Instead, she uses a mixture of laundry detergent and local dog soap at P45 a bar. But common kerosene will do, she adds, "and a good, hard rock for squash-

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ALF crusaders Mao Hermitanio, Carol Legaspi and Me-Ann Yazon with Poofy, Polabear and Jury: Unlike people, animals can't always fight back when maltreated

Protector

ROGER CASPIO

Gomez with Ars, a detection-trained Labrador: A dog's best friend

He was born into the dog training profession, but Chill Gomez has gone one step further, and is now developing government canine units to take on drugs, explosives and crime

By Alya B. Honasan

IN THE lobby of a five-star hotel, a well-behaved Belgian malinois, a dog that resembles a sleek, smaller German Shepherd, is walking slowly around a cart-ful of suitcases and packages. It pauses for a moment to sniff at an anonymous-looking box—and bingo. The dog sits motionless in front of the box, a sure sign that there's something illegal, explosive or potentially dangerous in there. The canine detector has once again saved the day.

It's a scene that happens every day, in airports, piers, anywhere government dignitaries and VIPs are bound to gather. Other times, when it's a drug search, the dog is rowdier, clawing its way through otherwise unremarkable ground. "There are two kinds of detection dogs, what we call the active and the passive," explains Churchill "Chill" Gomez, president and chief instructor at the Zemog Civilian, Police and Military K-9 Training Center. "The passive dogs are calm, quiet, perfect for detecting sensitive bombs. The active dogs are more playful—they don't care if they rip through things or step on bags, they'll find the drugs." On a recent mission, one of Gomez's dogs jumped excitedly outside the door of a van; turned out there was a minute trace of shabu on the door handle, and the van was confiscated. During President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's last State of the Nation Address (SONA), Gomez's dogs were guarding the entrance of the Batasang Pambansa.

Gomez is in the business of training dogs to detect such life-threatening stuff, and has been doing so since he was a boy. His late father, Frankie Gomez Sr., started the Gomez Brothers Dog School in España, Manila in the 1950s, trained with Norwegian and German canine experts, and was the official K-9 Examiner of the Philippine Constabulary Canine Corps. "When I was about seven or eight, I was already brushing the coats of Dobermans and putting medicine on their scabs," recalls the clean-cut Gomez, the fifth of 10 children and the only one who continued the family business. At age 15, he was already training the dogs of then Tourism Secretary Jose Aspiras. While his mother still runs the Philippine Dog School in Antipolo, an obedience school for domestic canines, Gomez has chosen to specialize in a field where, he says, there is much to be improved.

Indeed, Filipinos have often read in the news about the absurdly expensive purchase or training of dogs for various government agencies; one deal that made the news a couple of years back involved a Yugoslavian trainer selling trained dogs to an agency for a whopping P16 million. While the investment in the breeding and training of an animal and its handler can amount to as much as P1 million, there's a better way to do it, Gomez says.

"There are three ways to acquire trained dogs for detection. The first is from freelancers who studied in the United States or elsewhere, trained the dogs and sold them. That's the fast commercial approach. The second is to send a dog and its handler (the person with whom the dog works as a team) abroad for training for about six months, another expensive approach."

The best alternative, Gomez says, is to create independent canine corps within agencies, such as he is currently doing for the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine National Police-Maritime Group. "That means they should be self-sufficient, can fix their own problems, and produce their own stock. You shouldn't pay such an expensive amount and have no handler, no trainer, no breeding stock. What if something happens to the animals? You go out and buy some more?"

Gomez is under contract with the Coast Guard to train personnel in the training and handling of dogs for a month, and then take these personnel for six months' on-the-job training where the action is. "That means taking the Coast Guard to the pier, the MRT, the airport, malls, so they can strike anywhere, not just along the coastline." After this interview, he was set to leave with some students for Sangley Point, where the men and their dogs were scheduled for training on board rubber boats and helicopters, and with the breeding program he is developing with the Coast Guard, the unit may be able to produce their own puppies and distribute

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ing fat ticks." Such sport, Me-Ann adds, mock seriously, is "therapeutic. Pretend the *garapata* (tick) is an annoying boss or colleague."

Another ALF member, Paul Quintos, credits pets for helping make him a kinder, more patient person. But he recalls how an experience nearly made him swear off pets for life. He remembers how, as a child, he kept a chick in a shoe box in his room and considered it his best friend. After school, he'd go straight to his room to talk to the chick. The chick grew steadily bigger until it was almost a full-grown chicken. Once, after a particularly tiring morning at school, Paul decided to sit down to lunch before going up his room. After finishing off a hearty meal of *adobo*, he ran off to find his friend but couldn't find it. Wailing, he asked his mother about the chicken.

"She told me I just had him for lunch," he says, shaking his head. "I ate my best friend."

But he has reconciled himself to the fact that pets, "aside from giving us affection, devotion and loyalty, also provide us with food. In the countryside where poverty is a way of life, it's not uncommon for a pet dog to become a meal."

Paul's current pets he keeps for friendship, a handy outlet during days when his work as a researcher for the Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research makes him want to tear his hair out. Instead of going into a funk, he feeds his turtles, Enrique and Potpot, which he keeps within the office grounds. Formerly owned by a girlfriend, the two turtles started out the size of old peso coins but have grown to become bigger than an adult's palm after two years.

"Not all turtles are alike—they have varying characters like dogs and cats do," Paul says.

While Enrique would boldly stare at visitors and snap greedily at the air when hungry, Potpot is more sedate. "She doesn't move when you touch her shell," he notes.

Instead of feeding them the more expensive imported turtle food, his girlfriend has discovered dried *alamang* in the condiments section for P23 per 200 grams.

"I don't think they noticed any difference—they just gobbled up the supermarket shrimp," Paul says.

Other ALF members keep rabbits, hamsters and birds, usually bought from itinerant vendors in Cubao and Recto.

"*Madalas napapabili kami dahil sa awa* (We often buy them out of pity)," says Mao Hermitanio, 22, a writer and lay-out artist of the progressive tabloid *Ang Manggagawa*. But the sympathy is not primarily for the animals, which are kept in congested, chicken-wire cages or in plastic baskets, but for the vendors: haggard, tired-looking men who couldn't get better employment so they had to settle for selling animals. Sometimes they take their young children with them, and they sit on the pavement and hawk their live wares.

A pet rabbit, a hulking gray and white male named Herbert, roams free-range in the *Ang Manggagawa* newsroom. Occasionally there's mayhem—like the time he gnawed clean through an extension cord of one of the computer's power-cable. But generally he's on his own. Two years old in human years, he's fed pellets at P12 a kilo, and scraps and leaves of vegetables like *kangkong, kamote* and cabbage from the nearby market.

Most of the members of ALF keep dogs for pets. Some of the dogs have Christian names like Paulo, Princess, Dee-dee, and Richard, but their owners often call them *"anak"*— as in, "*Anak naman*, why did you chew up that slipper?"

Paul's dog, white with oatmeal splotches, is a female called Poofy. He and his girlfriend were walking from the grocery store one afternoon when they saw a puppy scrounging for food in a garbage pile in an alley. The fat puppy's fur was streaked with crude oil, but not even the grime could cover up her cuteness. "We couldn't leave her there. We told the *tambays* who saw us take the puppy to contact us if the owners look for her. We left our numbers," he said. But even then, he admits, they were wishing that no one would claim the puppy.

Paul and his girl would often talk of Poofy—how the dog spent her day, what she had for lunch, whether she slept through the afternoon heat. "When we talk about Poofy it's like we're talking about a baby. Sometimes we plan dates around the dog—we go to UP to take her for walks, or stay indoors on weekends and play with her for hours," he says.

Me-Ann, Paul and Mao, along with their ALF friends, can't help but express criticism about other pet lovers who are obsessed with giving their animals expensive body treatments or designer pet clothes.

"I find it shocking when I read about people who spend thousands of pesos on their pets when so many Filipinos go hungry every day and die from the simplest disease," Paul says. "We can take care and love our pets, but let's not get carried away by being more concerned about them than about, say, the plight of street kids or child laborers. If we can afford to spend a lot giving our pets first-class fur-treatment or toe-nail clipping at a pet spa, then we can also give the same amount or more to, say, the Children's Rehabilitation Center, or the Parents' Alternative Institute. Let's get our priorities straight."

Me-Ann concurs. "The only thing I don't scrimp on when it comes to my dogs is when they need shots, or medicine when they're ill," she says. Shots for distemper, rabies and parvo are a must. Visits to the veterinarian are expensive, however—at P250 per consultation, and if the dog needs to be confined, it's P400 per overnight stay.

ALF people have found ways of cutting down, asking neighbors how they cure their own pets when they fall sick. A sure-fire cure for worms, Me-Ann has learned, is a dose of vinegar. "You make your dog swallow two tablespoons of it, undiluted, and soon enough, the dog will regurgitate the worms," she explains without the slightest squeamishness.

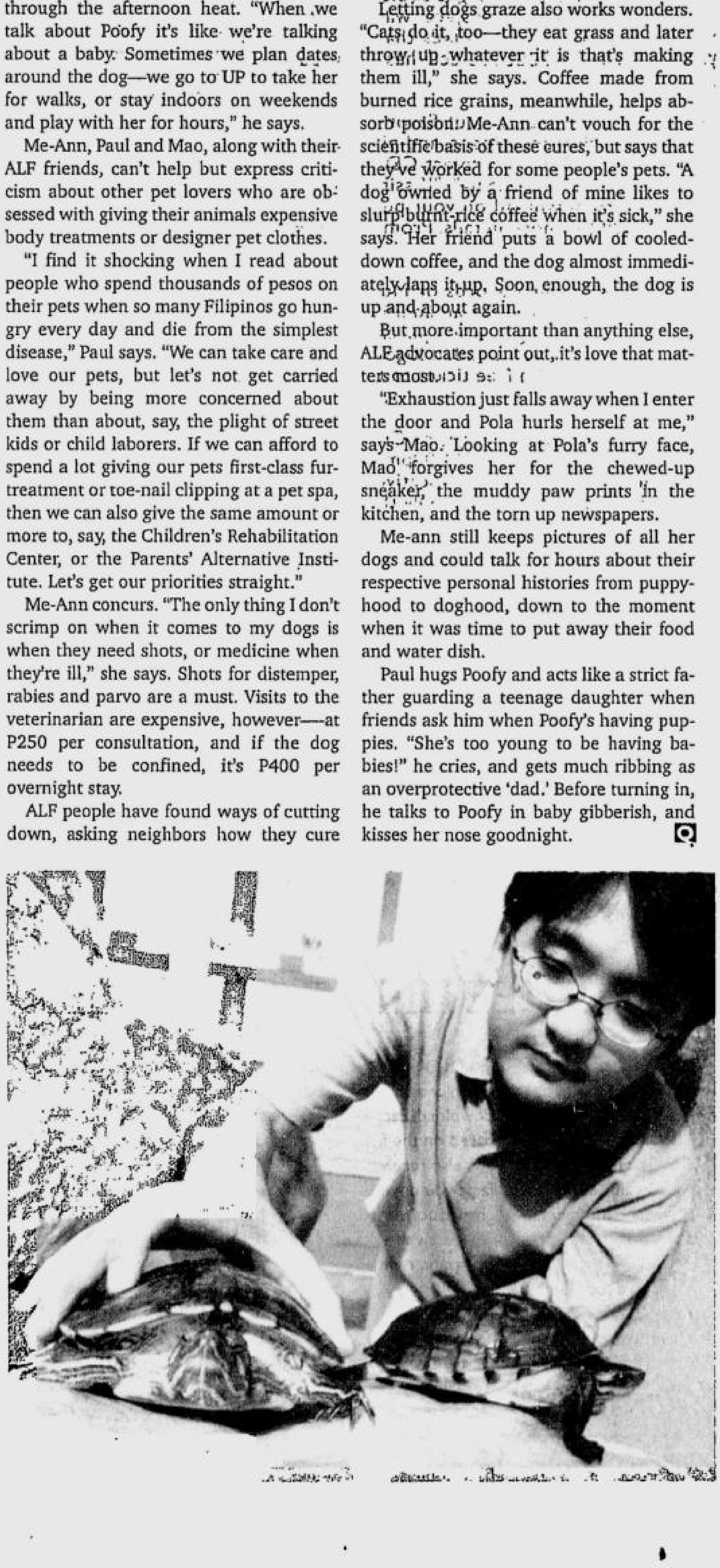
Letting dogs graze also works wonders. "Cats do it, too—they eat grass and later throw up whatever it is that's making them ill," she says. Coffee made from burned rice grains, meanwhile, helps absorb poison. Me-Ann can't vouch for the scientific basis of these cures, but says that they've worked for some people's pets. "A dog owned by a friend of mine likes to slurp burnt-rice coffee when it's sick," she says. Her friend puts a bowl of cooled-down coffee, and the dog almost immediately laps it up. Soon enough, the dog is up and about again.

But more important than anything else, ALF advocates point out, it's love that matters most.

"Exhaustion just falls away when I enter the door and Pola hurls herself at me," says Mao. Looking at Pola's furry face, Mao forgives her for the chewed-up sneaker, the muddy paw prints in the kitchen, and the torn up newspapers.

Me-ann still keeps pictures of all her dogs and could talk for hours about their respective personal histories from puppyhood to doghood, down to the moment when it was time to put away their food and water dish.

Paul hugs Poofy and acts like a strict father guarding a teenage daughter when friends ask him when Poofy's having puppies. "She's too young to be having babies!" he cries, and gets much ribbing as an overprotective 'dad.' Before turning in, he talks to Poofy in baby gibberish, and kisses her nose goodnight.



Threesome: Paul with Enrique and Potpot

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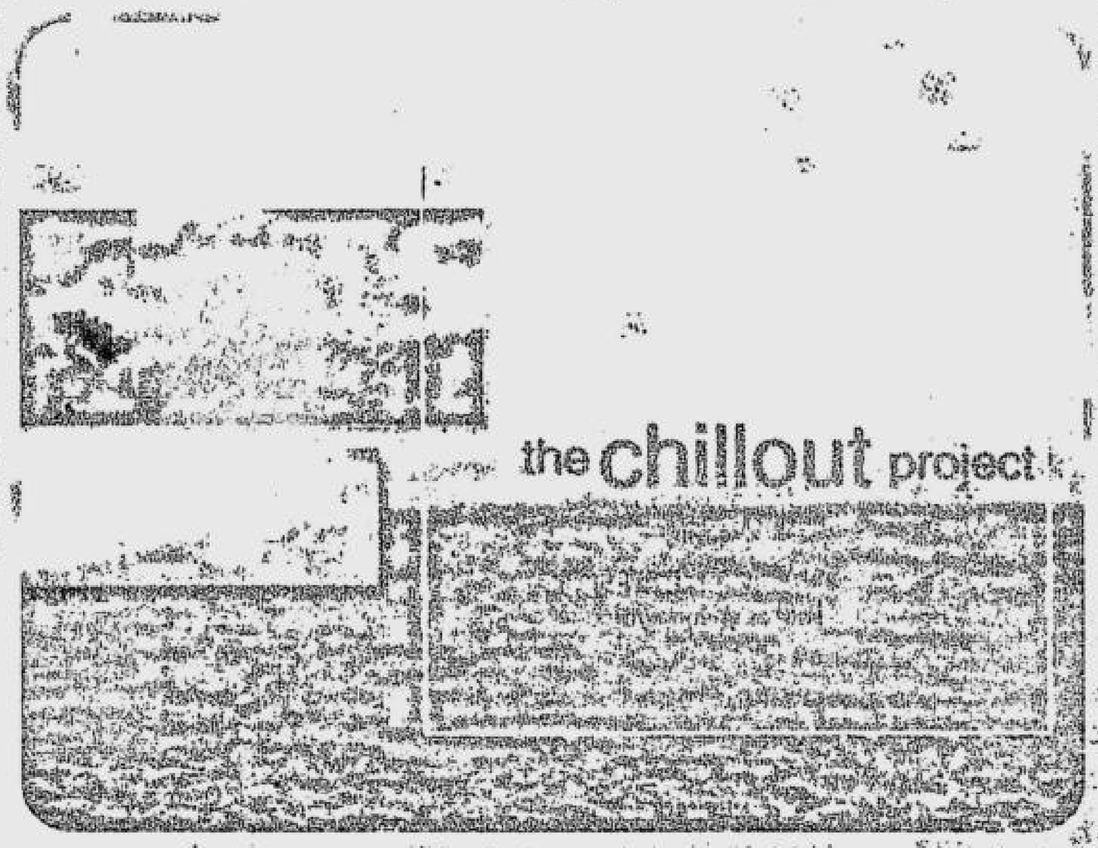

THE CHILLOUT PROJECT

Life in the big city is so complicated. The great working population ply their trade all over the metropolis to earn that much needed cash. Then they also have to deal with problems such as traffic and air pollution, as well as other people who are probably just as stressed out as they are. So think: if only there were a more convenient way to simply relax, or as they say, chill, then life in the big city would be a more pleasant affair.

DJ Anton Ramos who made chillout music what it is now in this city, had exactly that in mind when he started mixing his own relaxing music a few years ago. Although chillout music really falls under the ambient and Balearic music genre, it earned its more casual description in the late 90's when hardcore ravers would turn to it for relaxation after a night of serious partying. Anton who is now in his late 20's has been mixing and deejaying as far back as high school. When the opportunity to create his own mix of music presented itself, Anton dove right into it and he started pressing (or burning) his own compilations and before he knew it a horde of friends were knocking down his door to get copies of his cool tracks. That in a few sentences is how "The Chillout Project" was born. As a genre for Anton to express his personal preferences on sounds that groove yet relax, soothe yet don't knock you out, "The Chillout Project" has spawned a number of albums that have been top-sellers.

SMART now gives you the chance to get some of that Chillout flavor for your own celfone. By downloading Chillout Project ringtones, logos, and picture messages, SMART subscribers can win the latest Chillout Project CD, "A Soundtrack to Modern City Life". Ringtones such as "Longing", "Kissing", and "Another Chance" are now available for you to download on your personal handsets. Simply key in CHILL and send to 209 for more details. Promo will run until September 26, 2002.

If you choose to buy the Chillout CD from any Tower Records or Music One outlet, you get P50 off when you use SMART Money. You get an additional P50 off if you present your downloaded Chillout Project logos when purchasing the CD. And now the bonus---when you present both a downloaded logo and use SMART Money, you get the full P100 off and best of all, a free ticket to the album launch of "A Soundtrack to Modern City Life".

That album launch will be on September 27, Friday, at that hot spot Greek resto Mati at Power Plant, Rockwell. This "sunrise party" starts at 11:00pm and ends at 7:00am with DJ Anton spinning live. Hear some of his most evocative Chillout work to date. It's an exclusive event for SMART subscribers and only the hippest of the hip will be there.

The Chillout Project is a rocking concept and it's about time musical Manila has a treat like this.

Let SMART empower you to join the party. Download those logos, use that SMART Money, party till the break of dawn, and chill.

SMART Cinema Club Puts on THE TUXEDO!

What would you do if you stumbled across a piece of clothing that suddenly gave you unbelievable abilities, to do everything from punch and kick to sing and dance? What would you do if the suit turns your life upside down and sends you on a wild ride into the world of spies and espionage? This is the premise behind the latest offering from the SMART Cinema Club: martial arts superstar Jackie Chan's latest movie, "The Tuxedo".

The SMART Cinema Club, in cooperation with service provider Information Gateway, presents Jackie Chan and Jennifer Love Hewitt in the action-comedy "The Tuxedo". Chan stars as Jimmy Tong, an ordinary cab driver, whose abilities behind the wheel of his taxi lands him a job as a chauffeur for Clark Devlin (Jason Isaacs), a wealthy industrialist whose real industry is working for the CSA as a secret agent. Devlin is put out of commission, but not before ordering Jimmy to put on his prize tuxedo. Teaming up with rookie agent Del Blaine (Hewitt), Jimmy starts on an action-packed adventure that is set to blow up the big screen!

By keying in TUXEDO and sending to 239, SMART Cinema Club members will have exclusive access to logos, picture messages, screensavers, ringtones, and games. For every download of a logo, picture message, group icon, and screen saver the subscriber receives one electronically generated and recorded download raffle ticket. Lucky raffle winners will get two tickets to the premiere of "The Tuxedo" on September 28 at SM Megamall Cinema 3!

Long renowned as a superstar in Asia with movies like "Drunken Master", "Operation Condor", and "Police Story", Jackie finally broke through in the United States with the blockbuster known as "Rush Hour". Jackie played the Hong Kong cop sent to the States to investigate a kidnapping to the hilt, and his rapport with comedian Chris Tucker resulted not just in a box-office smash, but also in last year's successful "Rush Hour 2". Now, Jackie relishes the challenge of his new role in "The Tuxedo"

For the first time, Chan stars as a man who is himself, completely inept at the kind of high-flying stunts that have

set Chan's action films apart. That being said, "The Tuxedo" does, in fact, showcase Chan doing the kind of moves that have delighted his fans for years, but only by donning the one-of-a-kind tuxedo.

Be among the first to put on "The Tuxedo" by joining the SMART Cinema Club now! Register with the SMART Cinema Club by simply keying in JOIN CINEMA and send to 239 and always have the latest info on SMART's newest movie hits. All registered SMART Cinema Club members not only get to download Tuxedo ringtones, logos, and picture messages, they also have the chance to play two text-games based on the movie. Play the Jackie Chan Trivia Game to test your knowledge on everyone's favorite action star/stuntman. With The Tuxedo Adventure Game, you are given scenarios as Jackie's character Jimmy Tong. You are then given the

option to choose appropriate responses to what your character will do and play the game as Jimmy Tong.

So key in TUXEDO and send to 239, put on your best suit, and dress to kill as Jackie Chan gets set for his newest butt-kicking adventure!

SMART: STRONGLY BEHIND POPE AND THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

THE 4th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

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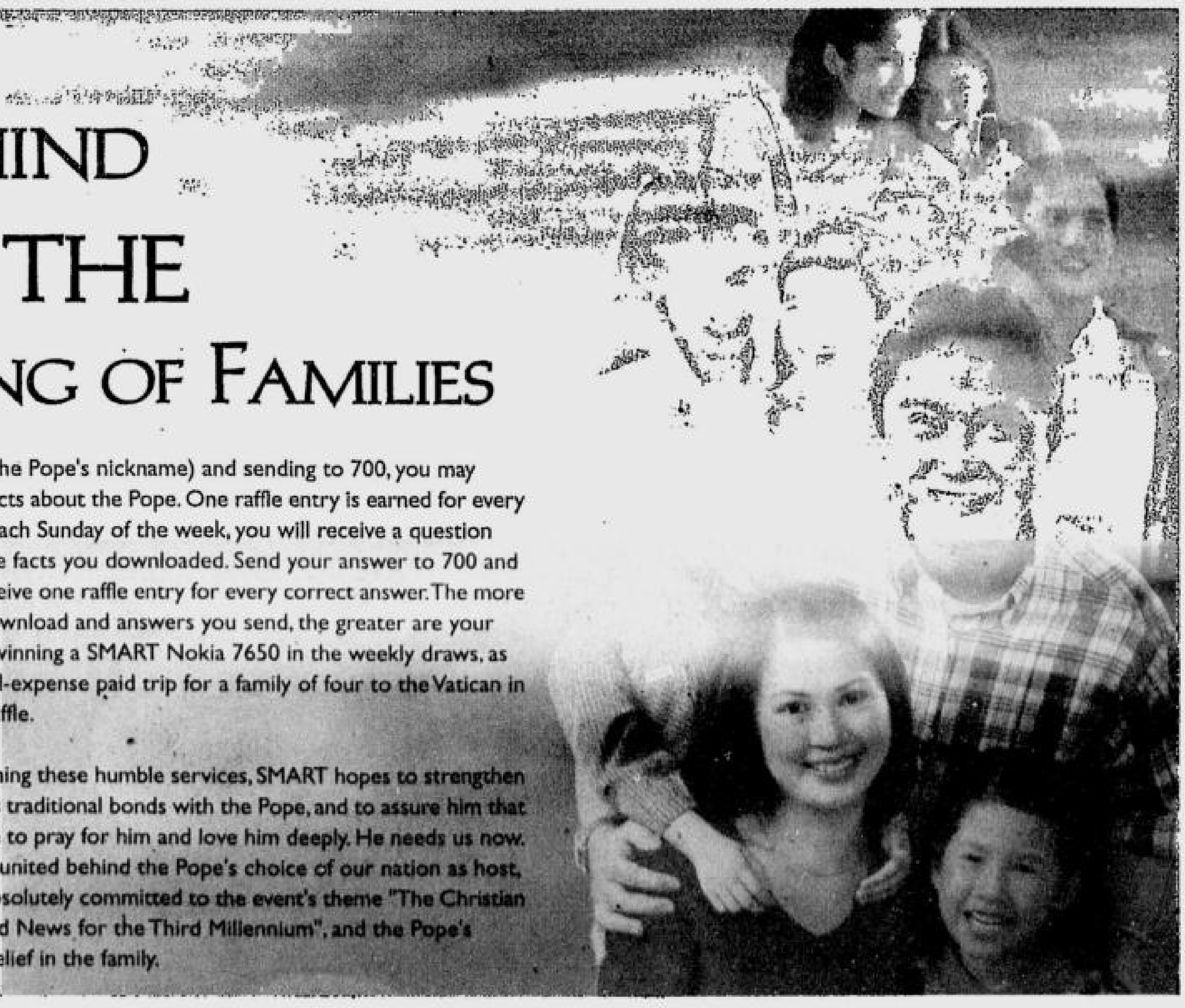
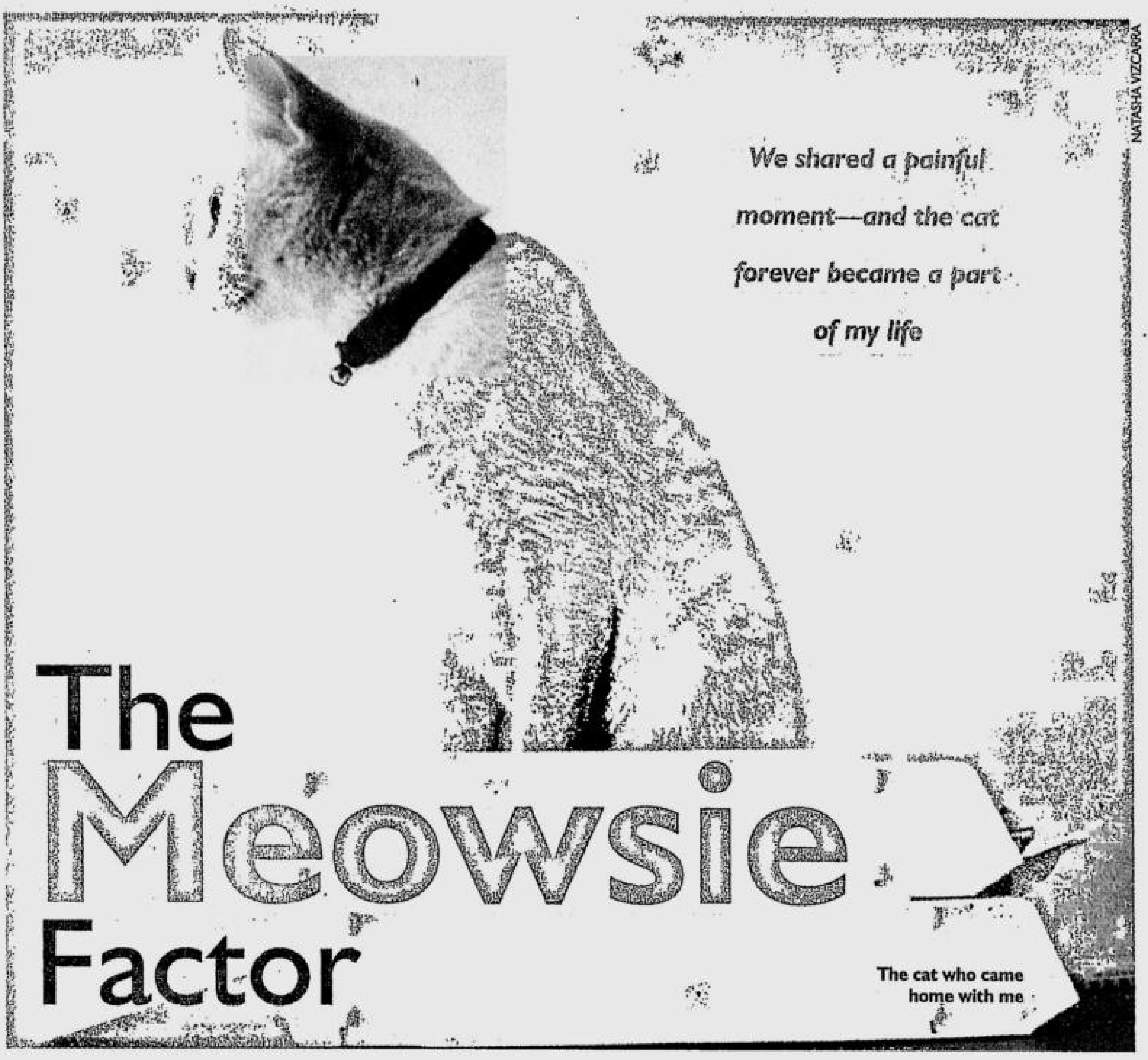


The 4th World Meeting of Families slated for January 23-26, 2003 in Manila is aimed at bringing Filipino families as well as families worldwide closer together. This is the first time in history that the World Meeting of Families will be held in Asia, and in the Philippines no less. In spite of the reality that the Pope will not be able to attend due to his health, SMART remains dedicated to making this event as successful and meaningful as possible.

By lighting 4million virtual candles with SMART's "Share Your Light", subscribers directly contribute to the event's preparations. Key in CANDLE and send to 700, and you have just lit a virtual candle and given yourself a chance to receive an all-expense paid trip to the Vatican with three of your family memebers.

Together with "Share Your Light", you can find out interesting facts about the Holy Father through "Get to Know Your Pope". By keying in LOLEK (the Pope's nickname) and sending to 700, you may download facts about the Pope. One raffle entry is earned for every download. Each Sunday of the week, you will receive a question based on the facts you downloaded. Send your answer to 700 and you also receive one raffle entry for every correct answer. The more facts you download and answers you send, the greater are your chances of winning a SMART Nokia 7650 in the weekly draws, as well as an all-expense paid trip for a family of four to the Vatican in the grand raffle.

By championing these humble services, SMART hopes to strengthen the Filipino's traditional bonds with the Pope, and to assure him that we continue to pray for him and love him deeply. He needs us now. By standing united behind the Pope's choice of our nation as host, SMART is absolutely committed to the event's theme "The Christian Family: Good News for the Third Millennium", and the Pope's perpetual belief in the family.



The Meowsie Factor

We shared a painful moment—and the cat forever became a part of my life

The cat who came home with me

NATASHA VIZCARRA

By Natasha Vizcarra

THE DAY I met Meowsie, the sun was shining, the breeze was cool and everything in my life was probably fine. I liked my job, my parents had embarked on an adventure of their own as immigrants in the United States and the man I loved was there, within reach or maybe just a phone call away. We would probably be married in a year or two, and I was looking forward to that.

But I didn't need a cat. Or so I thought.

There he was, a white kitty, scrawny and thin, with runny eyes. It was 7 a.m. on one of those winding streets in UP Campus, Quezon City. I stopped jogging to say hello. I remember that he had a big mouth and a loud meow. He immediately took to me—cats usually do—rubbing against my hand and straining to leap into the warm corner of my neck and shoulders.

"Hey white kitty, not so fast!," I said. I figured I probably shouldn't give him ideas. I couldn't possibly keep a cat with the kind of lifestyle I had. Who would take care of him when I wasn't home? And there was the fact that I often moved from one apartment to the next. So I decided to take him somewhere near a cafeteria. There would be more chances of survival there.

But this was not to be. On our way to the cafeteria, we happened upon another feline friend, an orange kitten paralyzed from the waist down. At the veterinary clinic, the pet doctor said orange cat wouldn't make it and put him to sleep. I bawled the whole time and held orange cat's paw as the poison first made him drowsy, then made him sleep, and then gradually stayed the beat of his heart until it stopped. I don't know why I cried so much for a kitten I hardly knew. Maybe it was because I secretly knew my life wasn't all that rosy. I think the truth was that I missed my parents, I had troubles at work and the man I loved was taking such a long time to decide if he wanted to marry me.

I walked out of the clinic red-eyed and looking really ugly. White kitten was there with some veterinary interns. There was no question about it now. White kitten and I shared something unshakeable: the death of orange kitten. From here on we would be together.

Salvation with a Wet Nose

How my dog and her big, loving heart has done more for my outlook than all the Prozac in the world

By Alya B. Honasan

TRUTH is, I never thought I would love another dog, ever again. I had a Pekingese named Igor who died of parvovirus at age 10. I was in high school, and I remember claiming his stiff body from the vet after he died and burying him under our mango tree, wrapped in my favorite T-shirt. It was too painful.

Then my brother decided to give me a dog. Last year, at age 36, I began toying with the idea again, after reading about what having a faithful and unconditionally loving companion can do to improve your state of mind.

Muffin (she came with that name) arrived at the right time, in the middle of my then stressful, depressive, and occasionally confused existence. I was thinking of something small, cute and sociable, but it wasn't to be.

"I got you a dog," my brother told me on the phone one afternoon when I was headed home from the beach.

Fifty-four smiling pounds of unconditional love

"What kind?"

"She's a Belgian malinois."

"A *what?*"

I had never even heard of the breed before. "If you don't like her," *Kuya* said, "I can send her to Kim (his son, my nephew) in Davao."

When I got home, there was a perky, sharp-eared, mahogany-colored two-year-old waiting for me. She stood almost two feet at the shoulder and looked like a smaller, sleeker German Shepherd. I looked into her almond-shaped brown eyes, she shoved her wet nose into my hand—and I was hooked.

Needless to say, Muffin took over my life with irreversible certainty. I, the ultimate non-morning person, now wake up at 5:45 a.m. every day, Sundays and holidays included—never mind what I drank or did the night before—to bring Muffin out to do her thing. Mind you, although she went to obedience school to learn the basics, Muffin housebroke herself. She got so neat she even refuses to soil her cage now; it's the bushes or bust.

My research revealed that I had in my hands a hyperactive, highly intelligent animal originally bred as a herding hound in Belgium, and now used as an explosives and bomb sniffer in most countries, including the Philippines. She also didn't like big, noisy families, was extremely protective, and would recognize only one boss. Out of the room went my nieces and other household members, who soon learned that Muffin had a killer instinct and good teeth—and wasn't afraid to use them. If anybody ever tried to sneak into my bedroom today, I swear, the poor soul would be mincemeat.

Since she was no longer a puppy when we met, it took a while for me to convince my self-appointed guardian that I was the Alpha dog in this set-up. All it took from me was some diligence, though. I clean up her poo, give her a weekly bath, and brush her coat until it glows. They say stroking a dog does wonders for your health as well as the animal's; it's something I can believe, as Muffin and I both relax and get sleepy from the effort. I prepare her food, pop vitamins in her mouth, and put in our non-negotiable "quality time" of playing and wrestling for about 20 minutes every night when I get home (again, regardless of what state I'm in). I take her to the vet, struggle to cut her nails and brush her teeth, and never fail to take her out for her morning walk.

In return, Muffin changed my life. "Dogs have given us their absolute all," wrote Roger Caras, one of my favorite ever quotes on dogs. "We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made." If I ever feel unappreciated or unloved by others of my species, I now come home to 54 lbs of jumping, panting proof that I'm flat-out wrong. My mother, the only other person Muffin trusts, marvels at how my dog hears my car pull up before I even honk the horn. She sleeps under my bed, keeps watch while I go about my toilet routine, and doesn't let me out of her sight when I'm home. I've scolded her, ignored her, even yelled at her when I'm in a bad mood—but her capacity to forgive astounds me no end. She will always make the first move, tiptoeing towards me with her ears folded down in submission, licking my toes tentatively and burrowing her wet nose in the crook of my elbow. Who would be foolish enough to resist? Can any human ever aspire to have so big a heart?

I knew I had won her complete trust the day she had six fat, healthy puppies last February, her first litter ever. She growled ferociously at everyone who came within view. But she allowed me, and only me, to touch and carry her precious babies around. It was, without a doubt, one of the best compliments I have ever received.

The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia

Which Angels Shall We Listen to?

How can anyone, or any government, condemn the killing of civilians, and at the same time endorse and/or engage in conduct that results in precisely this kind of death?

ONE year after 9/11, Ground Zero remains empty, at least to the eye. But it is freighted with the spirits of those lost in the destruction of the towers, now added to all those of the myriad races that lived and died there—among them, African slaves, Native Americans, Dutch and English settlers, Chinese merchants, and Jewish émigrés. Even before madmen turned their planes into bombs, lower Manhattan had long been hallowed ground to vastly different communities, many fleeing destruction in their own lands.

Did the planners of the World Trade Center have any sense that the site they built on was hallowed? I sincerely doubt it. Are the new planners willing to treat this giant 16-acre gash in the earth as sacred soil? Their words say yes, but their bland and unimaginative designs say no. Profit, profit, profit remains their main consideration.

As a New Yorker who witnessed the horrific fall that September and the wonderful global outpouring of humanitarian concern, I say that on the site of such violent death and destruction, there should be life and creation. Let there be fountains, light, air to breathe, cafés, arts venues, and restaurants. Let there be a market to sell the produce of the earth, and fruits of the sea to remind us how wonderfully we are nourished by that without which we are nothing. Let there be places for big and small businesses, such as those in nearby Chinatown and the Lower East Side, immigrant communities that continue, post-9/11, to suffer economic decay. Let there be substantial low- to moderately-priced housing, to balance the luxury rents that people now pay to live downtown—rents, ironically, beyond the reach of the service workers such as firefighters, cops, and emergency medical teams, who risked their lives (with many dying) in the rescue efforts.

Above all, at the very heart of Ground Zero, let there be a few consecrated acres of woods, as a growing, breathing memorial to the souls who have left us, as a symbol of peace, and as a refuge for all to rest and reflect in—echoing wonderfully, by the way, the promise of Lady Liberty in the harbor. New York is a special place, precisely because it accommodates both the hard-nosed realist and the poetic dreamer. Here all is possible. So the design for Ground Zero must connect in vital and creative ways to the communities that have given Lower Manhattan much of its distinctive character. This will be the most meaningful visible memorial we can erect for the 9/11 dead, one that simultaneously honors them while heeding the needs and aspirations of the living.

There is another, far more significant memorial we can erect, one that goes beyond 9/11, for the world's history is too littered with bloody tragedies large and small to focus on just one and not see a thread running through all—the deadly thread of our inhumanity to one another. I need not tell you what color that thread is. We are, to use e.e. cummings' word, "manunkind"; we are all complicit in the acts of terrorism that plague our planet. For the Bush administration to talk about moral clarity, while at the same time openly planning the invasion of Iraq, is to exploit 9/11 to pursue its own imperial agenda, the world be damned, and deliberately deny that historically, many US government policies have caused the deaths of innocents, from the wars against the Philippines and Vietnam, to invasions of Grenada and Panama, the bombing of Afghanistan, and the U.S.-led sanctions against Iraq which have caused the demise possibly of half a million children. And for the Arroyo administration to unthinkingly subscribe to hardline US policy betrays a persistent colonial subservience, moral emptiness, and lack of vision.

If there is anything that the Middle East quagmire (or, for that matter, Mindanao's) shows so clearly, it is that oneupmanship in violence and vindictiveness leads only to a *cul de sac*. How can anyone, or any government, condemn the killing of civilians, and at the same time endorse and/or engage in conduct that results in precisely this kind of death? To truly learn from tragic spectacles like 9/11 requires, surprisingly, not that much imagination (though even this modicum may be beyond most governments) but certainly a lot of moral courage to resist what Yeats calls the "blood-dimmed tide" now loose upon us, a time when "the best lack all conviction, while the worst/ Are full of passionate intensity." The most enduring legacy we can leave behind is to listen to the angels of our better nature and live up to our collective title: humankind. Q

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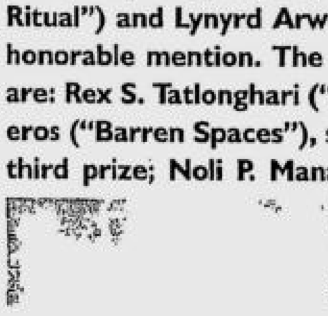
Will this gash in the earth now become sacred soil?

Winning Artists

Twelve young artists emerged victorious in the recently concluded Metrobank Foundation Young Painters' Annual national painting competition participated in by some 734 artists from various parts of the country.

The winners in the Oil in Canvas category are: Isagani C. Monje (*"Pinagisang Pangarap"*), first prize; Dennis M. Gonzales (*"Mapagkunwaring Pagkatao"*), second prize; Christopher H. Zamora ("Untitled"), third prize; Orly Y. Ypon ("Days of Vanity"), Parker E. Encisa ("The Businessman Ritual") and Lynyrd Arwin V. Paras ("I'm Unknown, Who's the World"), honorable mention. The winners in the Water Media on Paper category are: Rex S. Tatlonghari ("Stitch of the Nation"), first prize; Cecile L. Oliveros ("Barren Spaces"), second prize; Rosauro A. Cabacungan (*"Sirkus"*), third prize; Noli P. Manalang (*"Itinadha"*), Michael L. Po ("USS Enterprise"), and Rick L. Hernandez ("Mortal, Immortal"), honorable mention. Aside from cash prizes, the winners also received trophies, medals and plaques. This year's board of judges was chaired by Cultural Center of the Philippines president Nestor Jardin. The winning paintings and a selection of other entries are exhibited at the Metrobank Plaza, Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati until Sept. 27.



"Untitled" by Christopher H. Zamora, 3rd Place, oil-based medium on canvas

Pinoy Nga

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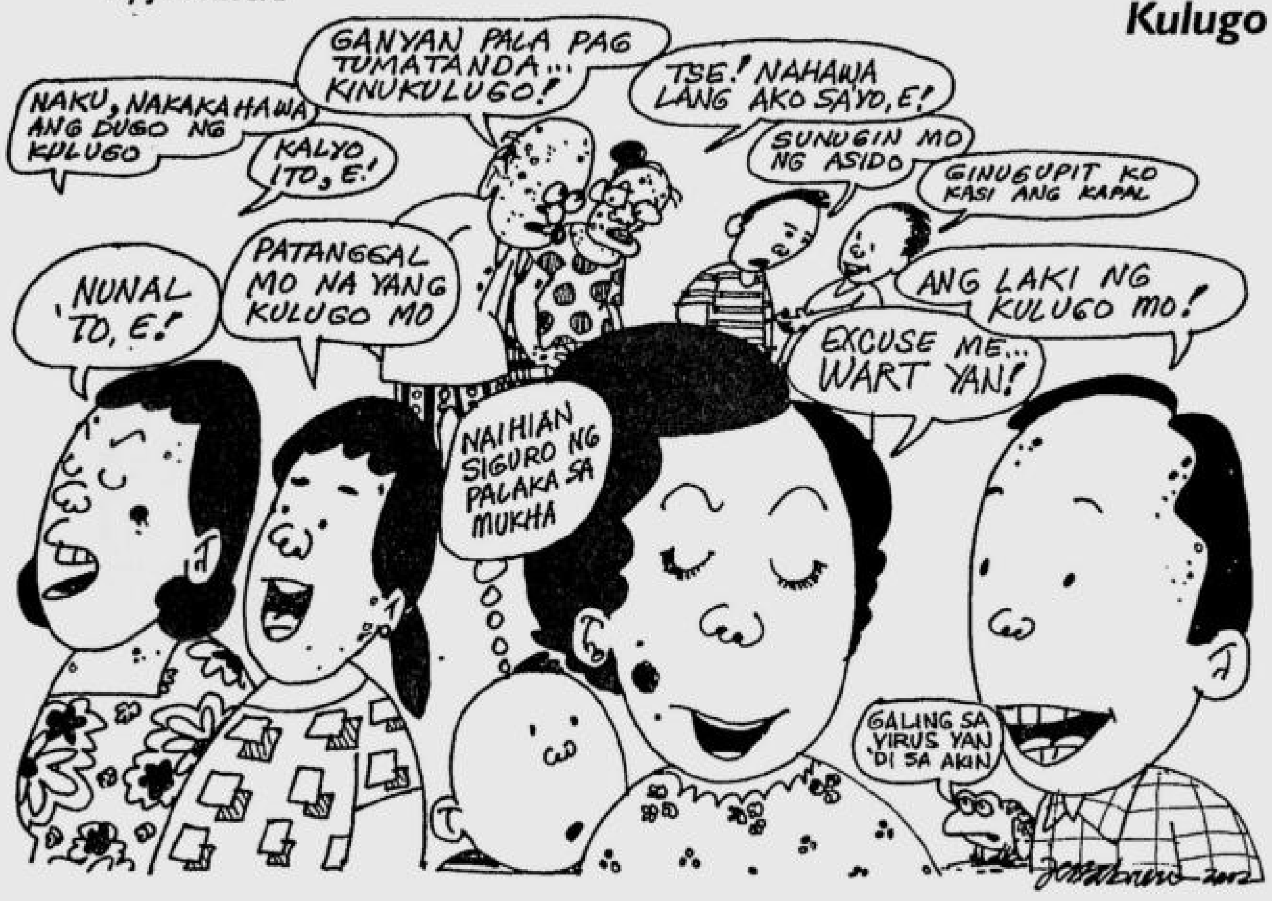

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them to other units soon. That's because a good canine unit, Gomez says, must have "a good program, and must be approached in an institutional way."

Gomez does not do the detection and "sanitizing" work commercially. Through other police and military units, however, Zemog's K-9 unit can be requested to conduct operations. Last Christmas, his group spent Christmas Day on standby in Camp Crame after busting a major drug shipment in Pandacan; New Year's was spent cleaning up Fort Bonifacio Global City for a concert.

Needless to say, the work can be a strain on family life, but his wife Cora and the couple's three-year-old daughter CV are used to it. Chill met the former Cora Magante 10 years ago when the latter, a former national athlete who still holds the Philippine record in the high jump, was training in Baguio. Today Cora takes care of some dogs who come in for obedience training. The small family spends free time and weekends malling together.

Gomez actually studied architecture in Paris, where some of his siblings migrated, and lived in Europe for 10 years after graduation. Thus, the trainer speaks French and German. Still, he says, "I ended up doing what I really love."

With his experience, how does Gomez choose a good detection dog? "You can either pick a mature dog, or select from among several pups whose mother and father are both proven working dogs." Some pups are instinctively more suited for the work than others. "If I have 10 pups, one day old, I'll separate them from the mother, put them about two or three feet away. Which one will crawl towards her because it smells the milk?"

Certain breeds do better than most in the field, Gomez reveals, and that includes the Labrador, for its "innate curiosity and sense of play"; the Belgian malinois, "a very intelligent dog with a very good nose"; and, for sheer presence as a guard dog, the Rottweiler. "You just look at one and already you'll be intimidated!"

Gomez likes to update his knowledge in the field, and is currently working with a Swedish trainer and negotiating for some technology transfer with an American expert. Gomez no longer has his own personal pet among his many dogs, but his admiration for the animal is evident. "They're faithful, entertaining, useful—cats or horses aren't like that. Dogs are man's best friend, both civilians and the military—a best friend in every sense of the word." Q

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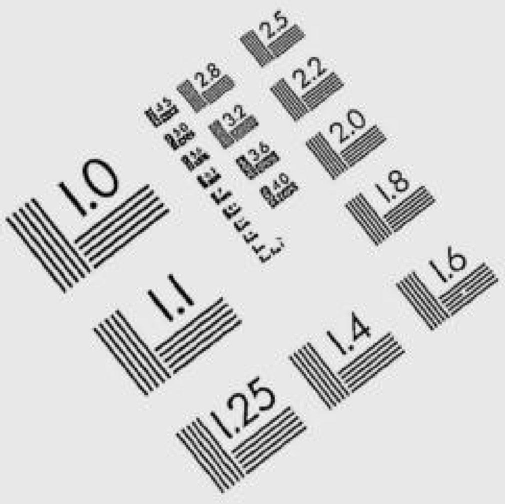
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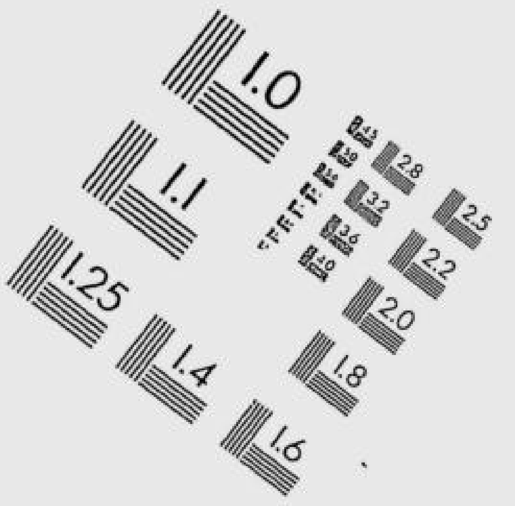
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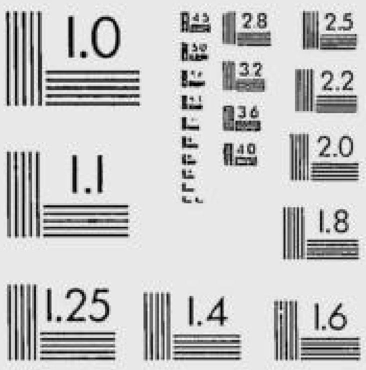
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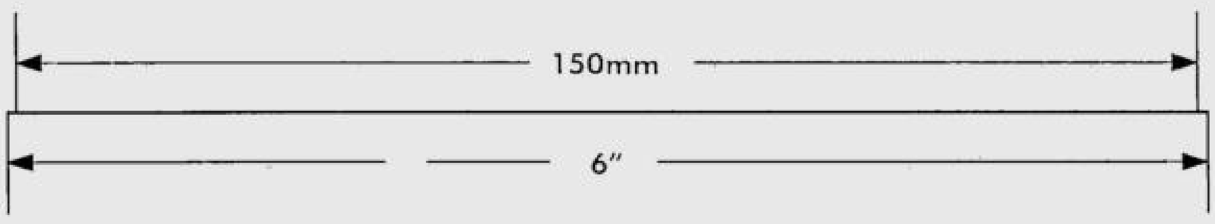

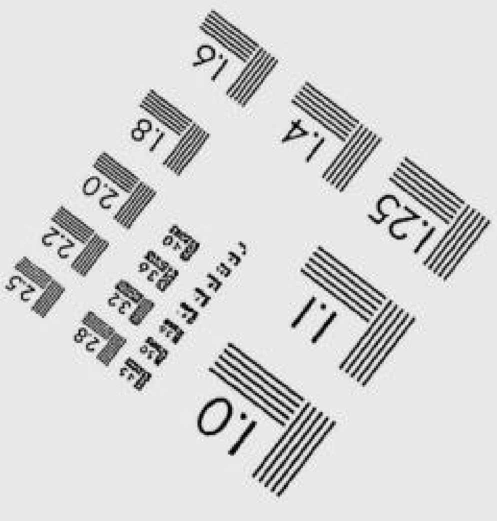
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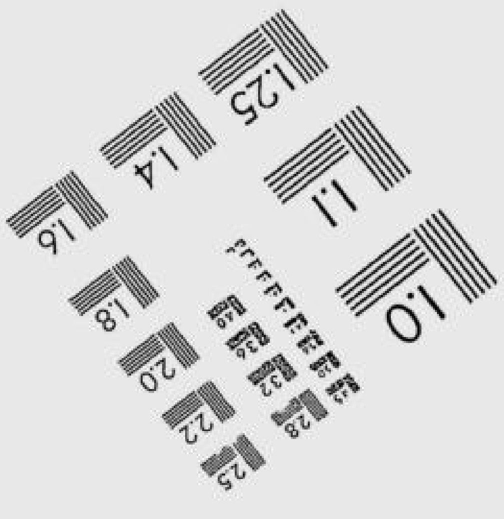
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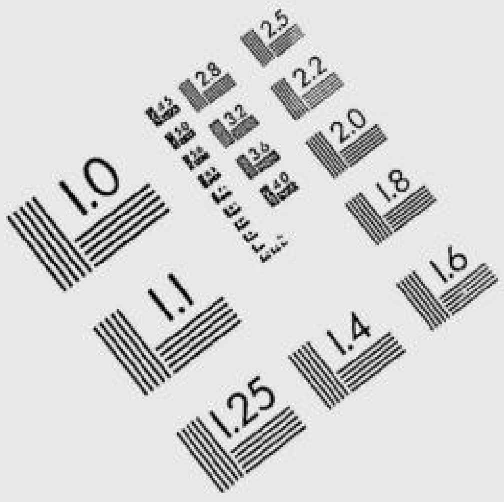
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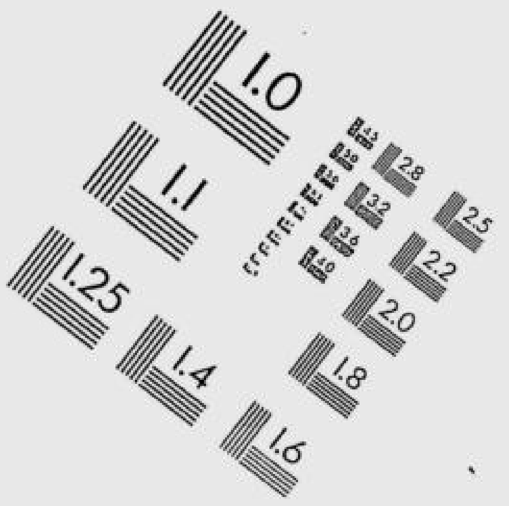
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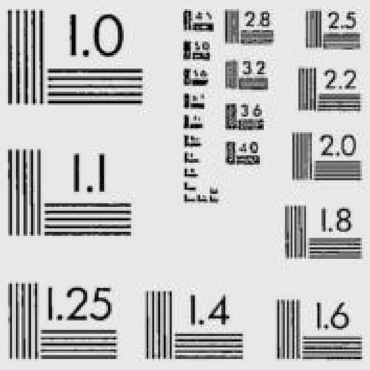
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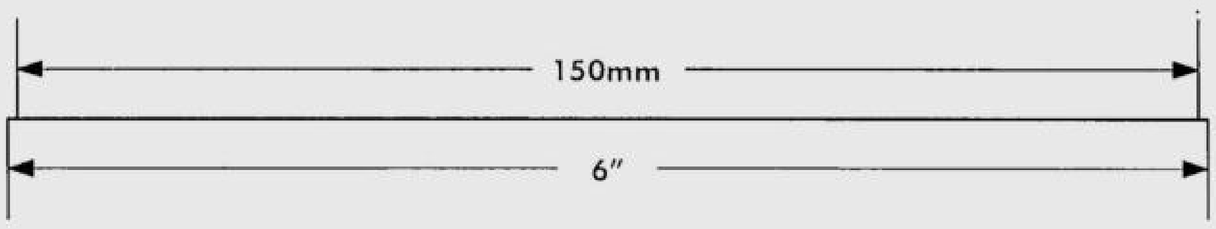

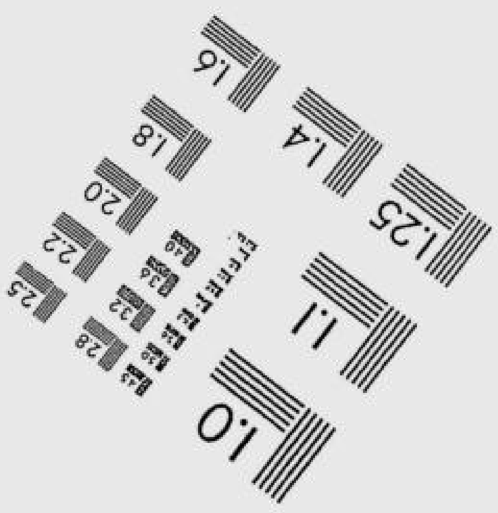
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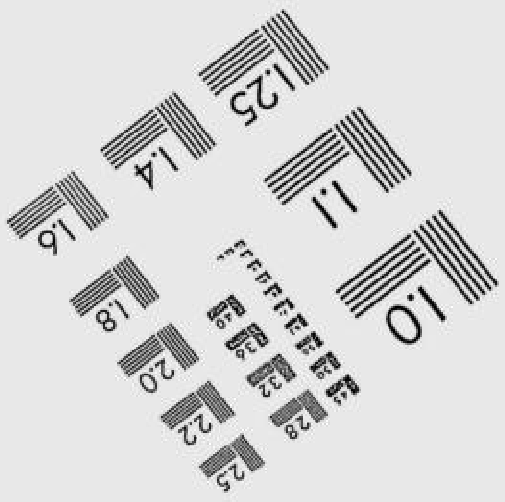
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